

THE
DIARY



This is My Personal
D I A R Y

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Five Years

from

19____ to 19____

*Memory Is Elusive—
Capture It*

Five Year Diary



The Mind

is a wonderful machine. It need but be just refreshed and incidents can again be revived in their former clarity.

A Line

Each Day, whether it be of the weather or of more important substances, will in time to come bring back those vague memories, worth remembering, to almost actual reality.

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INTRODUCTION

Five years of your life, in written form, will be your reward for keeping this book faithfully and accurately. You will record your daily habits, your thoughts, and events of importance. As you round out this chronicle of your doings, you will be able to check back a year from the time you are writing, and see at a glance your activities of a year ago. As you go along, you will be able to turn aside the veil of forgetfulness, and see the events of two, three and even of four years ago.

You will find amusing recollections that will bring chuckles—possibly business affairs whose record will prove valuable, and certainly little precious memories that you will want to keep in the permanent form which this book provides.

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~~JANUARY~~ 1262 Ann St.
HARTFORD Y.W.C.A.
Sep. 1940

19 Saw Sammy Kay - wonderful
" Tommy Dorsey

Witnessed excellent fencing team in
auditorium

19 Am member of the "Y Debs" here
at the Y. We discuss politics, work and
play, attend various affairs and do as
we please. Thursday with the KOKO Club

19 sponsored the first YW-YM Round-Up
this season. First were shown silent movies
of Charlie Chaplin. Hilarious! Such old-fashioned
comedy. Then a negro fellow (pleasing personality)

19 directed in group singing, very clever and
quick in instructing and before we even
realized it, we were singing negro spirituals
four parts. Two songs were recorded. Grand

19 fun listening to our own singing when
our record was played. There was a giggle ^{here} and
there which made it sound funny. Following
this was dancing to recordings.

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¹⁹ Oct. 25, 1940 - Dinner downstairs in the living room. Room was Halloween decorated. Sang, etc.

Have ^{work} on entirely new system for proving. We were ¹⁹ given 5 sheets of instructions which were somewhat difficult to understand until R. Harmon from the Boston office came down to explain in detail. Poor Wallier couldn't under-

stand ¹⁹ one step which I could. Funny! Mr. Prescott is transferred to Providence.

Mr. Kowetz is in his position and H. McLaughlin gone to New Haven. Yin Collins has his position. The ¹⁹ change of people is nice.

Oct. 29 Edi and Barb Cotton were over for a chat. Pete dropped over unexpectedly. Went walking. The air was fresh. Pete's nice, intelligent, attended Amherst and M.I.T. No Tyrone Power, but I'm no Hedy LaBarr, either.

Wed. Club meeting. - Halloween party. Games, forfeit, murder, black magic, rhythm, Cider,

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do-¹⁹nuts, candy and peanuts.

Letters from Tony and Helen. Received my check and bought my beige and green dress.

Barb's sick in bed with the gripe.

¹⁹Thurs. (Hallowe'en) Rita Perreault, Frieda, Sophie, and I attended the Round-Up. Games, novelties, masks, dancing, etc.

Friday - Barb bought a song book. Sang and ¹⁹played. About 9:00 Pete came over. Stayed in living room. Talked and worked on a cross-word puzzle. Asked me to the movies tomorrow but said I was going home. (too oftenⁿ)

¹⁹Didn't go home this weekend. Did my washing, ironing, mending.

Monday evening - Went to school.

Tues. Pete took me to the movies. Saw the ¹⁹"Western" Roosevelt elected.

Wed. Stayed home. Rita came over. Went home this weekend. Helen, Wallie, Timmie are spending a week. Ed and Margie

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¹⁹ bicycled over.

ARMISTICE DAY

Joe Kochan introduced Joe Stan ^{from Boston} Kiewierz.
Rec'd a letter from Joe Stan soon after. Quite sentimental. Sigma Phi Alpha envelope.

¹⁹ Sophie W. and I attended a dance at the Polish home. A boy introduced me to the president who introduced me to the radio announcer (as it was broadcasting night) the announcer

¹⁹ announced my name and address over the air as of out-of-Town. 'Twas a thrill!

Wed. Pete came over for a few minutes. Also Rita dropped over. But had to attend my

¹⁹ meeting. Rita joined with me later. Our club joined the older girls' club. Had movies on Community Chest and Ronald Luck. Refreshments.

¹⁹ Have been on walks with Pete.
Went to school, post office, etc.

Wed. Club meeting. Excellent pianist as guest.

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19 Friday Anita Arel and Barb arrived for the weekend. Went to Puritan Maid in Farmington Fair Day site. Saturday shopped around. Went to the dance at the School of Music. Sunday saw

19 Edmund Lowe and Ann Dvorak in person at the State Theatre. Also Jean & Glen who have a radio program every morning. Also 21 Girls' orchestra. Very good.

19 Tues. Pete got his grandfather's car for a few weeks. Went riding. First snowfall. Had fun with snow.

Thurs. Thanksgiving. Sorry I didn't go home.

19 Nothing to do all day. Wrote 4 letters. Washed, etc.

Met Bud Rainey at Ed's. He went out with Marion. Bud has a radio program.

19 Dec. 23 Went home this weekend. Pete wanted to take me home. Sun. but I said I was taking the bus Saturday. He said he'd come just the same but I

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19 thought I had changed his mind. Was I ever surprised when he phoned Sun. in Hamp. Took me home. Sun nite. Anita's mother phoned me to come to her surprise

19 birthday party this coming Saturday. Tues. Pete and I saw "Escape" with Norma Shearer and Robert Taylor.

Wed. Attended N.C.C. reunion at the Hotel

19 Bond. Mr. Pickett, teachers, etc.

attended. Wonderful dinner, dancing. Joe Urnick(?) was there. Edi introduced me to once.

Thurs. Pete phoned to go to barn dance

19 but Edi and I went for a walk.

Friday - Y. Debbs went to WTIC. A guide showed us around, showed instruments used for certain sounds, etc. Then the

19 program, "The Perfect Dream". - Guy Hedland. Very good play.

Sat. Barbara Cotton and I walked around the stores. Ymcs is coming. Neither of us

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19 bought anything.

Sent Anita a birthday telegram.

Sun. Didn't go home this weekend.

Sun. Attended the Xmas festival downstairs

19 Sang Xmas carols. One girl (angel) with veil and candle caught on fire but okay.

Tues. Rec'd a cute letter from Pete. Came over the same evening. Went riding. -

19 Wed. Club meeting Ate together, planned party.

Thurs. Edi and I went to Bushnell Memorial (beautiful building) to hear

19 Travelers Chord Club concert.

Bad cold. Not going home this weekend.
Tues. - Pete

Wed. Club - Concert - violinist at Avery

19 Memorial.

Thurs. - Pete. Rita - Friday

Mon. Edi ^{Dec. 23, 1940} invited me over to dinner.
Xmas presents opened. Also Bunny's and

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and ¹⁹Marion's and them filled up stockings. Fun!!! Then sang Xmas carols. to Bunny's piano accompaniment. Real Xmas spirit!

¹⁹New coat and shoes.

Tues. Home

Wed. Xmas - Rita and I drove back to Hartford together.

Thurs. ¹⁹Pete - Ping pong

Saturdays off

Sun. Movies with Barb.

Mon. Washed my hair.

Tues. ¹⁹New Years Eve - 1941

Movies - "Thief of Bagdad" = and Hotel Heublein with Pete. Home 3:15 A.M.

Wed. Jan. 1 - Beautiful day. Edi and I

went ¹⁹to YM. wonderful entertainment the "Living Statues" men, perfect physique. bronze strong all painted silver - Pyramids. Like statues.

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19 Also clowns, etc.

Thurs. Pete - walking - snow

Fri. Rest - wrote letters, etc.

Sat. Home May Zukel gave me her

19 graduation picture (Very good) and
Xmas present.

Monday - Cold but fresh air Ed and I
walked to Elizabeth Park (W. H. P. d.)

19 for ice. No skating. Ironed some
clothes.

Tues. Pete. Stayed in the living room.
Gave some of Helen's cookies She

19 was so kind to send me. Pete was
sad when he learned about Joe.

Wed. club meeting - Cleaned my room.

Thurs. Round-Up Pete and Hal

19 appeared. Both Barb and I
treated them bad. Same kind of mood.
Sorry today Was in a daze all evening

Fri. Rest. Rita's not working

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Club meeting - Bull session on girl and boy relations

19 Flu epidemic

Leon Friedman resigned for civil service job in Middletown State Hospital. Dupey Ann Davis Transfers again. Vinny Collins out and probably

19 Mr. Haggons.

~~Sam~~ Barb and I registered at Public Library.

Jan. 16 Edi thought it was my birthday and came over with two nicely-wrapped

19 packages. Did we laff! But I took the presents just the same. A string of pearls and bedroom slippers.

Pete dropped over.

19 About 10:00 Barb and I went to the Round-Up - raining, icy bad weather. After dance she and Hal and me and Charles Orne (26 yrs. little mustache)

19 hungarian, very nice, but not my type went out towards Glastonbury, Conn. Had a bite in "Puritan Maid" Chas. Orne was cadet on ship, all around world. Home 2:00 A.M.

JANUARY 11

19 Wed. Jan. 15? Received telegram for Civil Service appointment to War Dept. Washington, D.C. Telephoned home. Daddy says its fine. Mom Kind of hates to see

19 me go. Looked on map and it seems oh so far away. Accepted appointment. Don't know yet how things will turn out.

Sun. Jan. 12 Found out that there is a

19 National Catholic church here from city directory. So walked way out to Webster St. (after some inquiring) as I couldn't find a bus. Didn't

19 know anything about them. Walked right by the church. 'Twas only a small garage-like church with a cross on top. A new one is to be built. Only a ^{few} people attending. Entered rather ¹ strangely. Attracted attention. Sat on a bench. Priest homely. Near the end, a girl from choir

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19 sat beside me. Introduced me to father later. He has a little girl and boy. He speaks english well. Knows Father Zielinski at home.

19 Wanted me to join choir. Didn't think of telling them that I go home weekends.

Jan. 19¹⁹⁴¹
Sun. Just got back. Was home.

19 Barb C. said Chas. Orne wanted to go out with me again
Tues. 2-21-41 Ice skating with Pete.
Elizabeth Park. Swell time

Wed¹⁹. 2-22-41 Rita dropped over.
Are together. She's been pretty sick.
Went to church with her.

Thurs. Attended Round-Up with Pete.

19 Group singing & Magician.
Then Edi, Bunny, Marion, I and Sandy
Martin, Jimmy & Henry went bowling.
Fri. Recd telegram to report for

JANUARY 13

¹⁹ Duty Monday. Don't know whether I'm coming or going. Telephoned home

Sat. 1-25-41 Dinner with Pete at Howard Johnson's. Pete had his roommates car. Dropped in to say good-bye to Rita. Mom & dad were waiting for me at the Y. Packed & drove home. Bought a ¹⁹ blouse & skirt, stockings, pants. Next morning took the train from Spfld. 10:30. ^{Baggage left at station} Got to WASH. At 6:30. Snowing a little but melting. Beautiful city. Took a ¹⁹ cab to the Y.W. No vacancies. Anna Joyce about 35, from Cambridge, Mass. and I ^{were} both to report for duty the next day. We were sent to Kern Hotel on G St. Got ¹⁹ the blues. It was a sad room, old & foreign. Cried hard. Next morning we went to Munitions Bldg. filled out applications & had finger prints

JANUARY 14

¹⁹ Takew. Met Margaret Roberts from Oklahoma. Went home with her, saw her room. The lady of the house told me about 1811 Biltmore. Took a big room (double,

¹⁹ but not yet occupied) for \$50 Two meals a day. Much too expensive. Was still terribly homesick. Nothing like the Y. High ceiling, telephone in room, etc.

¹⁹ Beautiful mansion, once an embassy place. Spacious dining room with 6 negro waiters. Lots of older ^{women} people. Soch strangers every way. Wash. is

¹⁹ a city with too many people. I had looked up Lottie Pucylowski at the Y. Went to see Millie Rutkowski and Helene Malloy. They have a cute apartment just around the corner.

Also near me on the corner are boys from home - S. Hampton etc. So telephoned Audrey Kubach.

JANUARY 15

19 Tues. 1-28-41 Met Isabelle Dulaski in Munitions Bldg. Was surprised that she has an apartment just on Calvert St. Not far. She intends to move out, though.

19 Tues. Was sent to New Social Security Bldg. Office of the Surgeon General, ~~Administrative~~ Finance & Supply Division. Each division (there are 10) have sub¹⁹divisions. Big room - can't see the end - Poles ^{columns} (pillars) file cabinets, etc. I think I will like my job.

Tues. nite Played a little cards.

Still 19 terribly unhappy. Young fellow from the annex took me and another couple to a Howard Johnson's like in Rosslyn, Virginia. Saw about all the 19 beautiful government buildings.

Wed. 1-29-41 Isabelle - Visited Rutkowski's again. Full apartment. Went to see Ed Matuszko, etc. in apt.

JANUARY 16

¹⁹ Wed. Isabelle and I looked up Shirley Campbell and Dorothy Davenport - living together. Dorothy was getting ready to go to the President's Ball.

¹⁹ Fri Four girls took room from Idaho. So I am not so far from home.

Fri. Bumped into Dorothy Watkins. Went to see her room.

¹⁹ Sat. nite Had apple cider with Chas. Johnson.

Sun. Chas. and I rode out to Mt. Vernon, home of Ge. Washington. Very interesting.

¹⁹ Everything is being so well preserved, even lightning arresters on the trees. Some furniture,

etc. We took a few pictures but Chas's camera is small. Both Ray, Chas and I had dinner at a Hot Shoppe. Had intended to go to the theatre but too late. Rode around a few cities in Virginia. Alexandria is a very old quaint, unusual city. Many negroes.

JANUARY 17

19 In the afternoon we stopped at Washington Masonic Temple Memorial. Beautiful, big, High Tower, about a million stairs/stairway also Lincoln Memorial, huge statue of Lincoln as you enter. Washington Monument was closed so we couldn't go in.

Mon.

1-5-41

WED. RICHARD GALLOWAY, IN MY SECTION OF 19 THE OFFICE, TOOK ME TO THE ICECAPADES AT ULINE ICE ARENA. HE COMES FROM NEBRASKA, VERY SLIM AND DELICATE. I HATED TO HAVE HIM SPEND SO MUCH ON ME, BUT IT WAS 19 WORTH SEEING. - LIKE SANTA HENRIE'S ICE FOLLIES. SOME COMEDY (ONE FUNNY PART WAS MAN DRESSED AS WOMAN) DANCING, EVEN JITTERBUGGING, BEAUTIFUL LIGHTS 19 AND COSTUMES. REALLY AMAZING. POOR RICHARD TRIES SO HARD. HE THINKS SPENDING GIVES A GOOD IMPRESSION, BUT I DON'T LIKE HIM. IT WILL BE HARD TO BE MEAN TO HIM, tho.

JANUARY 18

19 Friday - Visited Lottie. She has a little room in a very nice, clean new building. All young girls. Had a sundae, and she came over here.

2-11-41 19 Saw Comrade X. Vedy LeMar Gable with Chas J. ^{was in high school with me.}

Other day met Edith Looker coming home on the bus. She didn't recognize me at first but 19 and was much surprised.

Sun. Chas. took me about. Went to Congressional. Beautiful, interesting, all sorts of pictures, articles, etc. Celebration of Independence. Almost faded entirely. Thus. Went bowling. Team from work. Nice to have been just to see. Didn't do so terribly, terribly well. Phil Damon

19 asked me to substitute.

Mrs. Roosevelt was in our building the other day to see Knutson, I guess but I didn't see her.

JANUARY 19

19 Am moving tomorrow to a ^{\$1} 40 room
in the other house.
Got a blue spell.

2-15-41 Got paid today. \$73.34 Joy!

19 Sun. Went to church "Calvary Baptist"
with Elva and Jane (Elva-roommate)
Very nice church. Then looked around at
some rooms. Japanese embassy - one

19 so quaint valuable expensive furniture,
etc. but old, - dark, sad looking. Belmont
Club looks nice for a young girl.
Thas. Johnson, me, Beatrice King and Bill,

19 Ruth & Ray - we all rode out to
Annapolis. Some good looking uniforms.
But very cold by the water. Chesapeake
Bay I guess it is. Took some pictures.

19 Came home with a feeling of a
cold coming on. Dan Maslanka dropped
in. Was I surprised? - Well, & other
friends. - SdeK knows Helen Murasaka.

JANUARY 20

Dan

19 He^v is going to be transferred to the Springfield Armory. Solek says there is a Polish Club here.

Spilled ink on the rug in the
19 other room. Guess I'll have to have it cleaned now.

Went to work Monday but came home early. Stayed home Tues

19 Wed & Thurs (Today) and probably tomorrow, too. (I think today is Feb 20, 1941) Bad cough & throat but getting better. Took about

19 everything. Elva even bought some whiskey. Funny it didn't make me drunk. Maybe a little weak but still in my senses.

19 Letter from Leona Friedman and from home today.

Saturday rite, by the way, Chas. & I went to a dance in Beekmantown, Ind.

JANUARY 21

¹⁹ Cute Club house. His office gave it (Bank Refreshments, balloons, etc. Chas. has been taking Floyse out (new cute blonde here) so I haven't been doing anything & am having my occasional blue spells again.

Son nite (Feb 23, 1941) Willine Pardue, so sweet took me to the Young People's Society. Had tea & eats, etc.

¹⁹ Didn't enjoy myself too well as the people just don't seem to be the type I would or could want to

¹⁹ associate with. So very english. Last nite, by the way, I walked down to Dotty Duemonts. Shirley had gone home for the weekend so I stayed there overnite. First had supper together. Went to church next morning, both of us.

JANUARY 22

19 Mon. ? Nina Bacon from Lowe. I moved
in. Homesick. She had met Edna Chipman
at work & Edna went to Commercial with
me so I looked her up. Went visited

27-41 19 Shirley Campbell and Dotty Lounport.
Thurs. Dotty Watkins and I visited Jenny
Glyden, Veronica Peabody and Mary Holbrook.
They have a nice apartment. Jenny was

19 so glad to see us. She threw her
arms around us both.

Fri. Lard from Pete, - disappointed that I don't write.

3-1-41 Work requires very little brain

19 work so I day dream all day
& think deeply. Never was so serious
about life before. 3 new girls at work -
Went shopping this afternoon (Sat.)
and 19 bought reddish-brown shoes (2.50)
bed pajamas, necktie —

JANUARY 23

March 2, 1941

19 Sunday - Edna Chigman, Vicky Swisto
(from Holyoke) Angel Phyllis & Arlene (all
from Mass. - new) but not friends I'd
be interested in spent the day

19 sightseeing, Beautiful spring-like
day. Walked around capital. Had
dinner (spaghetti) at Ciro's and
then went to a show "Hedy"

19 LeMar & Jimmy Stewart - "Come live
with me"
Mon. evening - Nina Bacon and
I dropped in to see Chippy. But
she was having a date so we

19 walked around & looked for
rooms (for her - Nina)

Got letters from Joe Stan Kewicz, Ann Davis
& card from Helen & Bill from Sergers.

19 ~~Wed~~ Tues. Nina and I rode down
to the p.o. and made out money
orders. then dropped in to see a friend
of hers at the Bellevue Hotel.

JANUARY 24

19 Richard's still trying to date me.
Am I having a hard time.

Sun. 3-9-41 Ann Freeman (roommate)
Chippy & the oano - Movies - Mickey Rooney
in ¹⁹ Andy Hardy's Secy
Plan - Phil's birthday. Surprised her.
Chippy, Kathryn & I went from E. Hampton
about 38 - Played Michigan Poker with
pennies. ^{as far as Rita Anita Bob K.} 125.

Met Rosabel Swan on the bus.

Sat. Mar. 15. Blind Date with Joe Smith

Joan DeGrace ^{Andy} 14 boys own house. Most college
or gradates. Drinking mixtures etc. too much for ^{me}.

² My Birthday. Pete sent me a birthday telegram.
Helen sent me stationery, bracelet,
dress cover (on hanger) etc.

Mr. ¹⁰ Olaine likes giving surprise birthdays
I wouldn't tell a soul about mine. kept
it a secret but Pete's birthday
Telegram spoiled it all. I got a big

JANUARY 25

19 birthday cake with candles
and everyone sang "Happy Birthday"
Jun. Isabel and friends walked around
and took some pictures.

19 Son, nite. Visited Chippy. Phyl
was talk^{ing} over Mary's phone to Mary's
date but Mary is in Ga. so Phyl
met him in the drug store and

19 all of us. He was very interesting
good looking, experienced, talkative,
Escaped from army because of eyes.
Might be jailed. Was ⁱⁿ England when
war broke out. Went to college,
law school, dir pilot, etc.

Mon. he telephoned by surprise and we
took a cab to Hotel Washington,

19 dancing in Lounge Riviera,
Beautiful - music, drinks, etc.
~~He had a~~ He had a
fine time.

JANUARY 26

19 Go to shorthand classes at the
Fri. M. Our skating party was put off.
Chippy, Phil, and I saw "Nice Girl"
in with Deanna Durbin.

19 Sat. Bingham telephoned. Came over
after me with another couple
in a convertible sedan, - top down.
Party, drinks, dancing, etc.

19 Sun. Willine and I went to church
(wedding) dropped in to see Shirley & Dotty
& Chippy & Phyl. Chippy Phyl Willine and I
went to People's Society.

19

Wed. Chippy and I rode to the station
Thurs. Party in the living room. Ruth Mesha's
engagement - dancing -

19 took the wrong car back
thro' Harlem. All negroes on car.
We were the only white.

Fri. Our office meeting. Esther and

JANUARY 27

19 I had dinner at Helens. She and her husband have a cute apartment. Officers were elected (meeting held at Eastern Star Hall) then dancing to

19 nickelodum which broke down in the middle of the evening, but our office gang is loads of fun. Robert brought his wife. I told her he

19 chewed gum and loafed & visited at work, so now he says he won't give me paper to count when I'm out of work.

Set 19 Dought my beige good (spring) sent out Edi's birthday present new shoes, bag, hat

New roommate, Mary Marguerite Nicols

19 20, from Okla. left a girls college for her job. Very nice, gay, pleasing, cute.

JANUARY 28

19 Friday 7:00 P.M. April 11, 1941
left for N.Y. Arrived at Penn.
Station at 11:25. Took subway to
Flushing (was scared all alone) then took
Taxi 19 to Helen's. Sat. mom, dad, & Edus.
came. Wallie showed us movies of Jim,
planes, World's Fair, etc. Went to La Guardia
Field Easter Sunday. Saw people
come 19 out of planes. Motored home
Sunday nite, Monday called up some
kids. ~~went to dance~~ walked ^{rather} up with
coph & stopped in drug store to make
call 19 to Htd. but Pete wasn't home.
Met Jess Mysorski, Ann Goldberg etc. Telephoned
Helen Murasko & she said Vera Turanska
got an appointment so we both took the
train 19 to Washington together Tuesday.
19 Arrived 9:30 P.M.
Wed nite took a walk & visited
Lottie Paylowski. After work, bought

JANUARY 29

19 a cotton dress & white blouse and some other stuff.

Sunday - Jan 20-21 May Marguerite, Vera & I saw the double cherry blossoms at Hain's Point. by Potomac River. cool breezes. Beautiful. Had supper with Dorothy & Billy, MIM's friends.

Sun. 4-26 - Pete arrived 4:00 PM.

19 is on way to N. Carolina for a shipbuilding job. Had dinner with us. Sat with Vera & Miss Paul. Rode out to Rocky Creek for

19 weiner roast our office assn. was giving but it was rather late and everyone was leaving so we didn't stay. Rode around. Sun. Pete took me

19 to Washington Cathedral - huge, immense, beautiful not yet completed. Started in 1907 but funds are lacking. Marvelous piece of work, expensive, like bldgs. in France

JANUARY 30

Pete stayed at Leo's apt. I

19 Sun. afternoon ~~Pete~~ we went to the zoo. My first time so the giraffes, zebras, camels, hippos, rhinoceros, snakes and what not just had my eyes popping out ¹⁹ of my head. Had dinner at a sea Grill & movie & floor show at nite. Talked cutely.

Mon. Vera & I dropped in to see Leo & ¹⁹ he took us to Hotel Annapolis where the high school seniors are who came to Wash. Saw Ceal, Soph's friend, & Stacia Borek. Leo, Vera, Al ¹⁹ Gilligan (Easthampton) Miss McDonaugh, teacher, etc. all in a group.

Tues. Ross Dailey, friend of Chip's called. Got Nina Bacon for his friend, Jerry Kennedy. Went to Rustic Cabin in Hyattsville, Maryland Ross about 30-35, old didn't enjoy the evening silly without love

JANUARY 31

19 ~~Friday~~ - Tash Bozek called and we went to the movies "The Great Dictator"

Gat. Bought red striped playsuit.

19 Jim, Mary Marguerite's friend, got me a date. Pete looked not more than 13. Went bowling and had a banana split. ^{Wouldn't serve us at a} joint, - too young, haha

19 Sunday - Pete again. Arrived 10:00 A.M. from Newport News, Va. where he is working for 3 weeks before his job in N.C. Went To Glen Echo

19 (Amusement park - not much) Left 12:00 P.M. Not much sleep for him.

Thurs Ross telephoned, couldn't get

19 a date with me.

Send mom chocolates - Mother's Day
Will send photo later. Ought to write some letters. Can't get around to it.

FEBRUARY 1

19 Sat. Mary Walker's birthday Birthday cake. Then we decided to go out to celebrate (Mary Walker, Mary Margaret, Vera, Dorothy & Ann Freeman) Got all dressed up in best clothes¹⁹. Sophisticated looking. Went to Mayflower Hotel but couldn't get served without escorts. So went to the Neptune Room. Nice - with music entertainment - double piano

playing. I had a glow oin fizz. On the way home^{on the street car} Mary W's boyfriend was there with a friend. So Mary W. & John & his friend and I went to the "Napoleon's" on

Conn. Ave. ^{about 30.} Steve O'Day, quite old, married & divorced so won't go out with him anymore, but he wanted me to go to Park Creek Park with him Sunday morning¹⁹ but Pete was coming.

Sun. Pete and I went to church All Soul's Church - had dinner.

Went to Lincoln Monument but too

FEBRUARY 2

9 / no time to wait - Mellon Art Gallery.
Neptune Room for supper, etc. Pete
bought me "Moonlight Sonata" Now
I've got to learn it.

9 Lately I haven't even had time to
launder & iron my clothes. Way
behind in letter writing.

Friday - "Moonlight Cruise" with
Bill Beusher. on the boat
"Wilson" (line) dancing, etc.
The air was lovely & fresh &
romantic. Lots of people. Went
down the Potomac River.
We had bites to eat at the
Neptune Room again. Bill
gave me a wrist corsage.
Sgt. Binham called for a
date but I can't go out as
Pete's coming.

FEBRUARY 3

May 17

19 Sat. Pete arrived. Went to some cocktail lounge. Then to Casino Royal (but didn't stay. Norman, Koe, from office, was working there (Chinese waiters) then To Boulevard

19 Janis nightclub like, 5 miles south of Alexandria, Va. Last ones out.

Went to bed when it was almost 3 but was keeping him company as he

19 was to spend the night in his car.

Sun. took a walk in Rock Creek Park. Wish I had on overalls and oxfords as we were climbing hills rocks & cliffs. Then after dinner we visited Arlington Cemetery - Lee's home, tomb of the unknown soldier, etc. very interesting & beautiful -

19 Amphitheatre ^{DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE} there

then movie at night "Meet John De" with Barbara Stanwyck and Ray Cooper.

FEBRUARY 4

19 Tues. Was I ever surprised!

Was in the office & who do you suppose walks in. - Pete. Was on his way to N.Y. to return the car & will then

19 start his job in Wilmington, NC. So don't know when I'll ever see him

do dinner
May 21^{Wed} Vera & I registered for drafters' dances. Come fun, eh! Got invitations to go to Fort Belvoir Thurs^{Wed} in Virginia. 5 buses of girls. Met Joe Frisz, rather nice, tall, etc.

19 Hot days are here.

Thurs. Bingham telephoned. Took me for a ride in his swell convertible. But it's a waste of time to go with

19 kids you don't particularly care for. Fri. Date with Bill Deuscher (too young for me but good looking) double dates. Movie and Neptune Room.

FEBRUARY 5

¹⁹ He asked me to a picnic on Memorial Day but I don't believe I'll go.

Sat. Home for a change. Good rest.
¹⁹ Everyone's gone out & I have peace & quiet.

Sunday. Helen, Vera, & Ann Freeman
& ¹⁹ I visited Franciscan Monastery
Very interesting. Beautiful gardens
chapels, altars, shrines, catacombs
(cement stone caves where dead
are ¹⁹ buried only there aren't any dead
it's just like those in Jerusalem,
Rome or someplace.

Thurs nite - May 29

¹⁹ Vera & I were going to go
roller skating but went to Riverside
Stadium instead by mistake and
saw the "Walkathon" which is

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$\frac{1}{2}$ hr or 50

19 over the radio ^{part} of the thing
It is the most awful sight. These contestants
(7 couples left) started in April
run every ^{other} 15 minutes all day &

19 nite long. They were collapsing
one after another but would start over
again as soon as they woke up. There is
a cash prize of 1500 (I think it is)

19 to the winner but I think
they're all crazy ruining their health.
Friday - Memorial Day

Mary Margaret is spending the
19 weekend in Annapolis.

Sure sad to read that we
are frozen to our jobs.
No transfers.

19

FEBRUARY 7

19 Wed. June 4 - Julius is coming over.

Hera & Ted and I and George went out. went to the "Nightingale"

19 in Virginia. George is cute - 23, works in a bank.

Sat. Last nite Helen & I went to hear the United States Army Band.

19 Played in front of the capitol. Wonderful music & a lovely nite. Met 2 marines.

Have a date with Julius

19 tomorrow - Cops' picnic but that means I should wear low shoes & socks but I'll feel like a shrimp near him. He's so

19 big. Don't feel like going. Rec'd notice that War Dept is working til 5 instead of 4. How awful. I hope I can take it.

FEBRUARY 8

19 Must go to bed nites. This will mean living to work but I feel war coming on.

19 Sun. June 15 Date with Julian. Raining day - Sight seeing only ~~everything~~ was closed. Movie - "Blood and Sand" with Tyrone Power - Dinner.

19

Contributed \$1.50 to United Service Organization.

Girl, 23, murdered - worked in our building.

19

Wed. Vera, Helen, Bernice. I attended dance at Fort Belvoir. Met Jim Hill, corporal, from Long Is

19 was insurance something. Have a date with him Sat.

Something happened - Not sure who's fault it was.

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19

June 22. Julius wanted me to go to the big league baseball game this afternoon but I think it's too hot & I know he ¹⁹thinks I'm mean. Wonder if he'll call again.

An air mail special delivery from Pete. Wants me to spend 4th July weekend with ¹⁹ him at Wrightsville Beach. Sounds good but I'm not going. Oh well, what a life.

It's so hot my face is wet and ¹⁹ shiny all over & I have some ironing to do. Whoo! Boy. ^{amanda}

New roommate June 26 Patty Jane Matthews - cute, 19, from Tennessee.

19

Wed. July 2 - Dore with Jim. He's swell. Went to the midget auto races in Maryland

FEBRUARY 10

¹⁹ with Kate & Bill. Drank
& ate - Night Club "Burt's" Got in at 4:30.
Lovely nite & too hot to sleep.

Wed. nite - Got a telephone call
from ¹⁹ Pete in N.C. is coming
Fri day to spend the weekend
Patty went out with Harold. They
seem to be getting along all right.

¹⁹ 4th of July Movies with Pete
"Caught in the Draft" with Bob
Hope. Didn't do much of
anything. Worked Saturday.
Five ¹⁹ works at the Monument Sat
nite. Glen Echo after that.
He took the 3:05 Train home.

copy
Dark cotton
Mon. July 7 - Ann Freeman, Helen, Vera

¹⁹ Bernice, Patty & I went roller skating. Haven't
been for so long. Good exercise. Got a compliment
from a young boy. Thought I was about a
Junior in high school.

FEBRUARY 11

19 Sun. July 13 - Edi Scheinost arrives for a vacation ^{week}. I developed a miserable cold, headache, sore throat, etc. Was out of work two days.

19 Edi out around all right alone ^{& boat cruise}
Sat. cathedral - nite - date ^{monastery}
Sun. movies ^{and etc.} Not an exciting weekend

Sat. July 26 - Blocking dancing for soldiers

19 Patty, Francis, Helen, Bennie, Betty, Patty
all of us went.

Sun. Sailing awful - hot company
Mon. Dates. Benice Johnson

19 Vera, Ann Freeman, Mary Francis
& me - went to Glen Echo.

Roller coaster, etc.

Fri & Sat. Dates with Les Gray
19 from Edgewood Arsenal and
Bill & Francis Fisher.

Walk-long walk Friday evening.
Moonlight Cruise Sat. - Marshall Hall
Amusement Park

FEBRUARY 13

19 Fri. Date with Bob again.

Tried fishing at the Tidal Basin.
Hot Shoppe - Parked (sorry to say)

^{Aug 9, 1941}
Sat. Hot day

19 Sat. Home

Sun. Home

Mon. Blind date with Wayne Leitzell.

Wants to go out again tonight (tues) but

19 don't know. Bernice Johnson was

with Don. They act as tho in love

and he's marrying another girl Sat.

Tues. Date with Wayne again and

19 Bernice + Don Parked. Bad! But

They're the lovers.

Wed. Home

Thurs.

19 Fri.

Sat.

Sun. date with Julian - Movies then to Showboat
Mon. blind date with Marvin, Donald - Edna Chipman - Bill
tues. meet Jennie Zuchowski at the station

FEBRUARY 14

19 Wed. Julian met me after work and we had dinner out. Then attended marine band concert in front of capitol. Come home early.
Thurs. Home

19 Fri. Blind date with kids from Arlington Cantonment. Stella Mortus & her ^{room-}mate
Sat.

Sun. Smithsonian Inst. Tute with Vera and 19 her sister & husband. Very interesting but didn't see everything - black diamond stones, skeletons (of dinosaur, etc.)
Lindbergh's airplane, original clothes worn 19 by famous people, etc.

Thurs. Pete telephoned. I didn't have much to say.

Fri. 19 Left for N.Y. right after work. Got to Helen's pretty late.
Sat. morning Tim, Helen & I went to N.Y.C. Didn't buy much.

FEBRUARY 15

19 Got home & found mom, daddy & Soph there by surprise. It was a nice family get-to-gether. Rode around, etc. Left Mon. morning (Labor day)

19 The ride was lovely - Merritt Parkway, etc. The trip seemed short. Didn't do much my week at home. Saw Anita & Barb & Helen Muraszko.

19 Went down town, took mom to The 3 County Fair Friday. Nothing exciting. Bought a waltz album for the piano. Trying to practice in my spare time.

19 River Bend (log cabin night club like) with Jerry in next office. Dancing, etc. Couldn't decide whether to go to

19 George Wash. or not. Three times a week with homework tho' is too much. Registered at the high school. Miss Vera who is on vacation.

FEBRUARY 16

^{About Sep 26}
19 Office S.G.O. formal dance at
Hotel 2400. with Dill.

New dress, shoes, etc. First went to
Jim Flanders (8 of us in all) drinks

19 Nice time.

Party moved out. Marcella moved in.

Oct. 3, '41 About 2 Sundays ago Marcella and I
took a walk to Smithsonian Institute, etc. where
we got ^{to} 19 acquainted with two Dick's. who seemed
rather interesting so we were friendly to them.
After that Dick kept trying to date me but
I refuse every time. He doesn't appeal to me.
Looks ^{to} 19 young tho' he isn't but I asked him if
he knew any polish friends & he said "yes"
so in a few days his polish friend, "Henry Sliva"
called me up. & came over in a day or two.
Certainly is a funny way to meet anybody.
I was a little afraid at first. Maybe he'd
be a little short guy or something. but I
was surprised to find such a nice

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¹⁹ Young gentleman enter. Not polish looking or acting. I think we were both a little nervous at first but after we got started we had an enjoyable evening.

¹⁹ Didn't do much. Showboat - little place on 18th St. and a walk. Talked most of the time. Henry is a college graduate from Chicago - a mechanical engineer. He

¹⁹ is getting a transfer to Chicago district though.

Fri. the kids went to the Bureau of Engraving dance. I couldn't because of a

¹⁹ very bad cold & headache. Didn't go to work ^{Oct. 4} Sat. Am spending the weekend wastefully. Very warm weather - like summer.

¹⁹ When I went to get my badge (pin) for army dances, my captain (polish) said she had a ^{Polish} girl, treasurer or something of some polish club, probably P.N.A. so I am

FEBRUARY 18

¹⁹ going to get in touch with her.
Ken Zukowski is moving out of England.

Sun. Date with Henry Silva -
Casino Royale (night club) with

¹⁹ another couple. Don't like C.R.
tho - cheap looking floor show dancers
& dirty jokes. Henry is fun
but not the quiet, serious type
¹⁹ more happy-go-lucky, I think.
He's been around, too

Mon. Went to school.

Eng & Shorthand, Sstd. doesn't

¹⁹ seem to interest me. Slow -
wed. Julian dropped in by surprise. We were both
in a silly peppy mood. He didn't stay long.

I was going to go to the P.N.A. meeting
but ¹⁹ got as far as 16th St. & turned
back. Just had a funny feeling. It was
so late going anyway.

Thurs. Went to school. Don't have my English

FEBRUARY 19

^{Fri. Eloyse, Ann, & the whole gang}
^{went to Bureau of Engraving Army}
^{came which I don't care for, too crowded!}
book 19 yet tho
Sat. Shopped all afternoon & didn't buy a thing. Sat nite Eloyse, Arlene & I went to Hotel Wash. is dance. Swell. Guess I'll go 19 more often.

Sun. Nice day so Vera & I thought we'd do something. Got on the street car with 3 cute little young boys (about 15/16). We asked them where they were going 19 so we decided we'd go to the football game with them. They were very glad to have us. It was at American Univ. Field - just young kids. Anyway it was nice sitting in the sun. Then got a ride home 19 with a few players. So cute - quite bright young fellows.

Vera went out to nite. Wish I had something to do. (Jack Benny is on the radio now) 19 (Brucella (roommate) bought it a few days ago. She's filing her nails now.

I sure do get lonesome these early dark evenings. Almost called Pete up but changed my mind.

FEBRUARY 20

¹⁹ Sorry I haven't been writing is this but nothing exciting has happened & haven't done much.

Fri. Oct 17 Vera & I went to the dance at Hotel Wash. Not many people there. Sat. Lottie Rutkowski & I went to P.N.A. Halloween party. Quite a crowd. Met one fellow who told ¹⁹ me my address. Don't know whether or not he'll call. John Tagella

Sun. What a swell time we had this afternoon - the whole Southern Club went to Great Falls, Va. in trucks. ¹⁹ Such a wonderful day. Did the air make me feel good! Boy! It's beautiful there. Huge huge rocks - ¹⁹ millions of them & rippling waters. We played baseball, had a good dinner - roasted hot dogs - potato salad, egg, cheese, milk etc.

FEBRUARY 21

¹⁹ Sun. nite. date with John Bielski

I was just going out to eat & he came just in time, don't you think? I would have paid for mine but I thought it would ¹⁹insult him & it was only a quarter anyway. We went for a walk. Very nice evening. ~~Something~~ tells me I am going to see him often. He said I will have a hard ¹⁹time getting rid of him.

Mon. He telephones. I want to school so he met me afterwards. Walk, cake, then dropped in to see Jaworski's a family he knows on Calvert Street. ¹⁹Polish people for some reason or other don't appeal to me.

Friday - Elsie Doell's birthday party.

¹⁹ Dotty Davenport & Shirley Campbell gave two older girls & a Polish girl from Indiana also attended. Cake - cakes with ice cream. Records -

FEBRUARY 22

19 Sat. date with John. Neptune Room
Morning worked. Marvin Byrd dropped
in the afternoon over. Went riding with another
couple thro' Rock Creek Park, etc.

19 Sun. evening date with John.
Had a good dinner. Then took a walk. ^{But I} ~~He~~
~~couldn't fall in love with him I'm too picky.~~
~~really doesn't appeal to me.~~ He is using poor
~~too serious too drunk & free~~ technique. Wants to marry me. Says I'm the
only 19 girl for him, just the kind he wants -
I make him very happy. Has written his
mother about me, etc.

Mon. Morning don't have to work 'cause I
worked 19 yesterday.

Tete's been so good. Now I feel that I will be having
to break from him which will be about as bad as
breaking away from a good member of your family.
He 19 known him about a year now & he made it a
happy year for me. I'm suppose to meet him
in N.Y. Xmas vacation. It's really a promise and
I'd hate to disappoint him. He wants me to attend

FEBRUARY 23

his ¹⁹cousin's wedding - very rich + the whole family would be there. + I suppose he really does want to go with a girl. But I would rather end it now with sweet memories rather than ¹⁹ spoil it all by meeting his folks, etc.

Fri. nite - Walk with John. - Hot chocolate hamburger
Sat. afternoon. Had a hard time buying shoes
Bought copper color tie - really for work.

Sat. ¹⁹ nite - Date with Marvin. He's very nice.
Good singer. Blind date for Chippy with his
date, Al, - nice - Vera + Andy. Blackberry wine
Dede around. Flat tire.

Sun. ¹⁹ afternoon John + I went walking,
etc. took some pictures at Rock Creek
Park. Nice day. Didn't want to go out
at nite. He's a nice kid. Real interest
in ¹⁹ Polish people.

Mon. nite - Went to school. Hope I'm
not getting a cold.

Tues. - went to bed right after dinner
Pete also phoned from H.C.

FEBRUARY 24

19 Wed. - John

Thurs Quiz over the other ^{house} side.
This house against the other one.
Everyone submitted 5 questions.

19 Score: 385 - 390 in their favor
Very interesting. Different Fun.

Tuesday - Armistice Day - Beautiful fall day.
Ann Freeman & I ^{took quite} saw the PRESIDENT

of 19 the United States at Arlington
Cemetery this morning. Lost each other
in the crowd. Luckily, out of all the people
I thought of getting up on a niche so

19 with a little leaning over I could get a
good glimpse of Roosevelt. Couldn't
hear him at all though. Found Ann later.

Stores open in the afternoon so saw

19 Dr. Scholz. Sold me a metatarsal
sole & foot balm. Maybe I'll get some more
shoes - comfortable for work.

FEBRUARY 25

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¹⁹ Have been going out with John. Wish I could meet someone just like Pete. Don't care for John. Pete telephoned wondering why I don't write. Sounded sad.

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¹⁹ Sun. Good dinner with John. at the Swedish Inn. Then over to Jowerskie's. Sometimes I just can't stand John. Sometimes he's too loud, too friendly - even with girls in the house whom he wasn't introduced to who aren't interested in him. I suppose he thinks it's nice not to be bashful. He looks pretty bad, not earning much, unhealthy, not happy. ¹⁹ and still there's something about him that makes me go out with him. there are a lot of little things he does & says that I don't like. (Maybe it would be alright if it was someone else) Oh, I don't know maybe it's because of the awful way I treat him. Sometimes I wish I could gain a few pounds. Can't enjoy having him have his arms around my skin & bones. He's quite frank (maybe 'cause he feels we know each other well - both Polish) but I don't think I love him anyway.

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¹⁹ Sun. Leo Michalowski dropped in whom John & I double dated with. Leo's a lawyer from Conn. really short & plump but intelligent & interesting with a good sense of humor. I could learn something from him probably. He has had some interesting cases. took a walk in the afternoon & movie at night. John was spending the weekend in Richmond. Leo is definitely not a ladies man. So it seems to me & real short. Nice to have contact with such a person.

Vera's getting married to Andy sometime in February.

FEBRUARY 26

19 Vera, Edna, & I went to see "Brownie" at the hospital for operation on appendicitis. He looked okay. He's a good kid. We gave him a carton of 19 cigarettes.

Gave a dollar to the Community Chest. They are Trying to get a day's pay from every Government employee, but not 19 me. If it isn't one thing, it's another - U.S., Red Cross, etc.

George left ^{the office} for the army. He was drafted. Gee, will we miss him to cheer 19 us up. He had a good sense of humor. We pitched him & got him a useful box - cigarettes, shaving stuff, etc. Helen came back to work Monday. She 19 been absent 2 weeks - sick. She's been out a lot.

Ann Freeman came back from her vacation Nebraska - glad to be back.

FEBRUARY 27

Dec. 2, 1941

19 Nice weather. Went to church (Roman catholic) Sunday. Sometimes I just don't know where I should go. Mom's so much against Roman Catholic + **19** still we're not Protestants.

12-7-41 Hawaii + Phillipine Islands bombed by Japanese. U.S. declares war against Japan. (I'm getting scared especially being in the **19** Capitol) All officers, etc. in the building are in uniform.

Quite depressed these days. Nothing really to live for. And expecting a long, hard war. No fun in our best years, I guess. I don't have the slightest thought of movies, dancing or Christmas or anything with **19** war on my mind. I guess no one's too happy. John will probably be leaving soon. So there won't even be him to help me out.

FEBRUARY 28

19 Thank God I'll get at least 6 days' leave.

Our office is going to move into an apartment building, on 18th & A **19** which will be nearer home.

I wish this war was just all a dream. Oh well, I guess the least I can do is to watch my health. I only hope we **19** don't have to work overtime but I suppose the time will come. All there's time for is work, eat & sleep (I'm just in that awful mood today) **19**

Web - John Worth gets me a blind date. Merle & John & I & J.P. went to

El Patio - J.P. - very interesting in America. Two **19** years. From Czechoslovakia. Came over with his father who was supervisor of Czech pavilion at the World Fair. Czech was taken in war at the time, so they

remained here. Speakers understands
English very well. ^{has that foreign accent, tho.}
FEBRUARY 29

out of place

19 Nothing exciting has happened.
Still date John. Went to the Mayfair
last nite (12-7-41) - w balebras

19 Thurs. ^{of Dec. 19} Eloyse & Charles have an
engagement party. Very good - Fun -
they got a floor lamp from us all -
the Southern Club, had punch etc. Ann
Freeman & I gave her cannon towels.
I chipped 'cause she gave me some
clothes that were too small for her.

Our offices moved to a new building
on 19 18th & H. Doesn't take as long
to get to work. We're on the 12th -
floor-top but what a wonderful view.
Can see the mall - capitol, memorial,
& 19 monument - Potomac River -
Jefferson Memorial etc. So well to
be able to see daylight at last.
And the - fresh air is good.

MARCH 1

¹⁹ Put: aircraft gun on the roof.

Dec. 31, 1941 - Went home a week ago
Saturday. Rode straight home. John
^{met} ^{at} took me to the station (still detest him)
¹⁹ Ruth Polmatier & Murphy were going home, too.
On the train - Talked with girl coming from Fla.
some college, also another girl teaching in Va.
from Holyoke. Changed in New Haven.

¹⁹ Was it cold! Got to Spfd. a hour late.
Soph & dad were waiting for me.
Didn't do much at home. In fact
nothing but stayed home with mom
¹⁹ most of the time - Talked, etc. On Tues
day Barb & Anita came over. Went
over to Anita's. Then Mae Z. came
over so she came to Anita's, too.

¹⁹ Pete telephoned from N.Y. so
mom found out I was meeting him
in N.Y. where, I stopped on my
return trip. Wasn't going to bother

MARCH 2

19 Telling her cause what one doesn't know doesn't hurt, I suppose. Mom had seen, planning to spend the weekend in N.Y. too but of course mother comes first before Pete. But she broke her tooth I enjoyed my vacation & the weekend just topped it off swell. In the Northampton Station I met a girl 19 from England. We rode together to N.Y. She was right in the war, of course so I found her interesting. Said they carried gas masks with them all the time but seldom needed. Mrs. blackout all the time, - on happy living & people would walk off sidewalks into the road. She had a 19 real English accent. I still think Pete's about the only one whose company I really enjoy. There's just something between us. - But I feel sorry for myself

MARCH 3

¹⁹ because I can't enjoy anybody else's company. To nite is New Year's Eve and am going out only with Bill. B. hate to. I met Pete's mom, dad, and ¹⁹ sister in N.Y. They're in their studio in Greenwich Village, - real old looking, you know, beautiful paintings, sculptures, etc. Both rather old. Harriet is ¹⁹ very nice. She ~~stud~~ was in Mexico for a year & speaks Spanish fluently & this mexican fellow was visiting her. Pete said he proposed to her but ^{2nd} of Pete's mother is afraid Harriet likes him. We all had dinner together then Pete and I rode around, near the garrison, Statue of liberty, etc. Was going to take the ¹⁹ 5:30 train but couldn't seem to leave Pete & he couldn't see me go so took the 7:30 train. It was nice to see Helen, Wallie, - Jim.

MARCH 4

¹⁹ Mon. Went to work. Mr. Brooke,
the Chief Clerk telephones for me
to come see him in his office.
Now I have a new position -

¹⁹ Planning & Training Division - Stenographer.
Captains Sheekens & Moseley & Major Wakeman.
Took dictation from first two "absent".
Must be nervous 'cause my hands drip

¹⁹ with wet. too bad for me. 3 other
girls in the room with me. I
will miss the fun & gossip we had
in the other office. I think I will

¹⁹ like the work. IT'S more interesting and
the day goes by much faster. I
am on the 10th floor now. The view
isn't quite as good. BUT I'm really

¹⁹ happy I've changed from the other job.
What makes me happy is that introduced
Mr. Brooke said I was such a perfect
stenographer, etc.

MARCH 5

19 Jan. 1-1941 Pete stopped in on his way to Wilmington. Thought I wouldn't be working. Telephoned office. Stayed 'til 2:15 a.m. Took the 3:15 a.m.

19 train. Was I surprised when he said he was counting on me. Sat. 1-3-42 - Hotel Wash. dance with Olive Hill, Marjorie Gust, Ann F. Dined

19 with the same fellow mostly all night. Don't think I'll ever love anyone like Pete. It's too bad. —

Nervous at my new job. My hands
19 perspire so that I can't take dictation. I guess that's the reason I'm thin. The work isn't boring or monotonous. Days are going by fast & am not
19 accomplishing anything. Better hurry up and do something.

MARCH 6

19 1-8-42 Thurs. Victor, Marcello, Pauline & I went to Fort Belvoir. Hadn't been for a long time. Danced with George Wright from Columbus, Ohio, about all evening, taught art.

Fri. 19 Margie & I went walking. Nice, fresh cold air, - a little snow-skating at the reflection pool where we were on our way to but couldn't find it & it would be too far to walk to so we gave up, - didn't mind.

Our office is so hot I can hardly breathe - that's the reason I'm so nervous. It 19 must be sort of like sinus trouble 'cause my head aches. blood stuffed nose. I guess I have something to look backward to.

Sat. 19 note Vera & I went to see a hockey game at Riverside Stadium - Georgetown V. against Catholic Univ. Andy had passes. Boy, how those boys

MARCH 7

19 glide along that ice. then ice skating for all. Course we didn't have our skates.

Tue. morning - headache, look messy, - can't seem to do anything about it. Couldn't find a comfortable sport coat yesterday. Didn't buy anything except 2 pr.

19 nylon hose (3.00) and little things. Finished paying my bills.

Sun. nite - date with George Reight, musician at Fort Belvoir. Movies -

19 Mickey Rooney in "Babes on Broadway" or something. ATE at the Neptune Room.

Mon. nite Bowling with Frank

19 Davis. - Got Bob for Marge. Rather young (23-) Frank's too jumpy, well not jumpy, but not calm reserved & easy nervous like. Had a good time, laughed, smiled.

MARCH 8

19 John still calls me up but I can't stand even the sound of his voice.

Thurs. Movie with Margie.

19 ^{Sat.} Sun. - Jan. 18, 1942 - Spring-like day. Went to All Soul's Church by myself. I feel like a new person. Something about church. Gives a worldly outlook on life. The sermon was good "What good does thinking do?" The minister turns philosophical a good deal.

19 Stayed home all evening. Didn't do a darn thing but laze around, sleep, then woke up at 11:00 or so half in a daze.

19 Still eyes half closed - funny feeling 'cause I wanted to wake up to do up my hair. Marcella was home, too. We got to

MARCH 9

19 bed after 1:00 & she had to
get up to go to work this morning
(Sun.) Anyway, The evening was
wasted. I hate to waste a good

evening.
19 Sun, nite - Date with George Reight.
I seem to make him happy. He's
interesting & expressive, talks rather
19 fast, though. Not the quiet, reserved
type.

We are working Sat. afternoons
now.

19 Enjoy evenings at home
thinking and writing letters sometimes
they're collecting for Red Cross War
Fund now. If it isn't one thing, it's
19 another.

The weather's been warm (January)
Olivia is putting meals. I hope
it doesn't last that way 'cause

MARCH 10

19 I don't believe I'll like eating out all the time. And I guess he plans to take only \$20 out of the rent. There have been many complaints,

19 Service slow, etc but I guess service would be slow almost anywhere. Got some letter from Edie. Very unhappy and lonesome. She & Dick are quits.

She's 19 all alone now - one single room. It must be awful. She wants to leave Hartford. I'm not too sorry for her.

Wed mite - 1-21-42 Blind date

19 Dot Collins - me with George Benson short guy but intelligent, having attended Annapolis Naval Academy but one wouldn't know. Went to this young married

19 couple's house (cute, new) He boxes & wrestles so they boxed for us in the cellar. Drinks —

MARCH 11

19 Thurs. Marcelle, Violet, & I -
Fort Belvoir. Dined with Truman Dock
mostly. Nice kid, reserved, college
graduate, also an artist - Looked
19 sad & unhappy. Seemed to
enjoy me company.

Gotta wash my hair tonight.
Wish we didn't have to work
19 tomorrow afternoon (Sat.) We're
practically living in the office.
Sat. nite - Sam telephoned (went
with Dot Collins on the blind date I had)

19 Didn't go out with him.
Dock telephoned ^{all the way from Fort Belvoir} while I was out to
dinner (first day we're eating out)
Said he'd call again. Waited & waited

19 Edna waited & waited for a date.
Then found out her date was waiting 45
minutes & gone. Mrs. Gramer said they rung
her telephone & mine. ^{Evidently, something} went wrong.

MARCH 12

¹⁹Sun. Date with Dock. Got Pauline for his friend, who was not so hot. Went to see "How Green Was My Valley"

Mon ¹⁹Damp out - a little cold (I have) Tues. wish I had something to look forward to. Every day is just another day. What I need is a boyfriend I could love.

Feel impatient today. Wish I could have got a lot of mail with a whole lot of news.

¹⁹2-2-42 Cold & very windy but clear & dry - No snow. Received a letter from home with Helen's. They were home on vacation. Good to hear from them.

¹⁹Mom sent me a plaid skirt she made. Was very sweet & thoughtful of her to take time & work to make it. I don't care for it too much though.

MARCH 13

¹⁹ Didn't work hard in the office. Not very busy. Roberta's "nuts" or something's definitely wrong with her. We had a buzzer system put it

At the sound of the buzzer a number flashes in a little window like on a box up on the wall. 4 girls so 4 numbers according to alphabet. She

¹⁹ happened to get 4. Oh that was awful. - The last number so she talked with Capt. M. about it.

So the baby got her way. Numbers are ¹⁹ changed according to the order in which we came in. So she's 2. Capt. M. laughed at it. Apparently her job means a lot to her. But I don't ¹⁹ pay much attention to her.

Didn't do anything all weekend hardly. Time goes but nothing's being done.

MARCH 14

19 Here came back Sat. from her vacation. She had a shower at home. Seems happy.

Sun. 2-7-42 Worked today.

19 Didn't rest a minute. Worked steadily all day. - was slow in setting up Tables or charts.

On the way home stopped to see
19 The biggest fire in my life. The whole side of a block, - a bldg. being built ^{hotel} + flames / smoke! People - wish this wasn't such a

19 big city. I don't see how little water hoses can put it out. Seems queer how it could have set on fire. Tumbare mood. Windy day

19 Wed. evening Had a very bad Terrific headache. Think it was from not wearing a hat in the cold. - windy Wed. It nauseated me. I was sick but

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¹⁹ okay for the next day. My stomach hasn't been functioning right. I don't know what it is. but stopped taking Vi-Penta Perles, which I don't believe ^{for} much ^{because} to do with it anyway. Probably I don't eat for a long time. then when I do eat I overeat but I'm careful now & eat more hot soup, tea, etc. It might be only

¹⁹ gas - ^{nervousness, impure} but sometimes feels full & heavy & "gurgles" a lot.

Fri. Pete called Wed & Thurs & I was out both times so I'm trying to call him back tonight but ¹⁹ am having a hard time. One or two hours delay.

Esther Moore invited me over for dinner at their apartment last night. Nice apartment and ¹⁹ the other girl had several of her friends over so it was a nice get-together. Talked, etc. Not interested in any of the girls.

MARCH 16

19 Ker's getting married tomorrow. Don't know yet whether I'll ask for time to take off. Haven't been doing anything lately. Must make some new friends.

19 Blind date Sun. Edna Harris - Tim met Henry (Andy's cousin) we went to this awful joint accidentally wanted to see what it was like,

19 Kinda curious so stayed a while. I meanish women (or womanish men, still don't know which) real masculine built except one had quite a nice figure & danced gracefully & even pretty. But one couldn't tell their looks really because of all the makeup. - big - husky voices.

19 in evening gowns.

Sat. blind date. It's just impossible to find a "joint" on Sat. nite. Everything is so crowded & all filled up.

Sun. church, registered at library.
MARCH 17

19 Sophie starts on first job at
Hartford Ordinance.

3-3-42 Blackout tonight from 8:00 P.M.
to 6:00 A.M.

19 Blue — as anyone else, I guess.
with this war.

Sun. 9:45 A.M. Just got up. Sorry I
haven't been writing in this but

19 nothing different except except that
last night the movies were a different
form of entertainment "Fantasia" with
L. Stokowski's orchestra movies (cartoons

19 Walt Disney's) blended with it.
Fitted the music perfect. Beautiful
technical, etc. The author or artist
must have had to have some.

19 Imagination, & sweet dreams &
nightmares. Bill Buscher had me
go with his friend John Shaw, new here —
intellectual, good-looking but — sweet.

MARCH 18

19 I'm getting my raise, by the way.
3/16/62. The officers have been promoted
also.

Took Saturday ³⁻²¹⁻⁴² off as Pete

19 came up. Sat. morning. He's a good
kid & apparently misses me or a girl.
I guess he came up because of the
time I didn't sound enthused when he

19 telephoned the other day. Had a
wonderful weekend & just forgot about
everything else. Sat. afternoon we saw
"Louisiana Purchase" - Rained all day.

19 Lotus nite club in the evening.
Talked a lot, - danced. Life is a serious
thing. I don't think I can ever find anyone
I'd care for more than Pete & still I'm

19 David he'd be disappointed in me and
it wouldn't last as ~~we~~ ^{really} were ^{not} for
each other. Sunday was clear. We went
bicycling. Very windy and cold by the water.

MARCH 19

He ^{gave} me 'Joseph in Egypt' - 2 volumes for my birthday present.

3-24-42 Saw Howard Chantler Christie, famous artist, - ~~made~~ did the painting ¹⁹ of the signing of the constitution which is at the capital. He was in the Surgeon General's office (which is but 2 doors away) with a painting - big ¹⁹ portrait of the General! Excellent. Looked very real. H.C.C. short - white thick hair around the back. Why do all artists look the same? He also ¹⁹ does magazine illustrations. Dolores wanted to get his autograph but didn't.

3-29 Well, I guess I should write a ¹⁹ few lines again. Today is Palm Sunday and what a surprise. It is snowing & has been snowing a long time. And there's lots of

MARCH 20

19 snow on the ground. Who would have ever thought it. Must be one of Washington's largest snowfalls.

Didn't go to church today.

19 Marcella didn't go to work. Couldn't get a street car so decided not to go at all ~~see~~ even later. Washed my hair this morning. Laundered

19 All my underwear had to be washed. Don't plan on doing anything today. Of course I know John Shew would like to see me today but I.

19 went out with him last night and I don't want him to come over every day. He is ^{old} to know as he is intelligent

19 and interesting and I think I can learn a lot from him. comes from a rich family and never worked his way through college. Told me

MARCH 21

all about his ~~protections~~. Will
¹⁹teach me to play tennis & will help
me buy a racket. Good To have his
help, but he's Sissyish, young, too.
We saw "Ride 'em, Cowboy"-funny
¹⁹last nite - then to the Lotus
Club.

Well, I told you, diary, that I was
getting a raise. Well, after all the
¹⁹red tape it went through I
might not even get it. I was
interviewed by a lady from
Civil Service, - unfortunately for
¹⁹me as many \$1220 jobs are
received without interviews.
Anyway I made a bad
impression. I just can't talk
¹⁹couldn't sell myself - don't speak
with conviction. Didn't have enuf
to talk about as I really don't
know much about the office, know

MARCH 22

¹⁹ my individual jobs but why and a few questions she asked me I couldn't answer. And I wasn't doing two of the duties on the list

¹⁹ she had for \$1620 which ²⁰ she is capable of doing. I think Martha feels a little responsible not to have helped me prepare a little more, but

¹⁹ I guess we were too sure of ourselves. The next day she came to see Col. Wakeman. We thought he would settle it okay but even

¹⁹ he, after some debating gave up I guess. I just heard her leave very abruptly and walked out heavily and fast all of a sudden.

¹⁹ Gee, it's 1100 P.M. already. Would love to see the folks. It's an awful feeling.

At least I have Pete to write to.

MARCH 23

19 He sent me the pictures we took which are good.

Sophie hasn't written for quite some time. She must be working hard as

19 she's in the War Dept. also.

Had a pretty good day even tho' I didn't go anywhere. Stayed home all day but accomplished quite a bit.

19 Put new cloth on the ironing board. Examined my hose and darned what needed it.

Mervelle is at the movies I guess.

19 It's 8:30 P.M. and Charlie McCarthy just went off. It's dark now and finally stopped snowing. Was at ease today, not restless

19 impatient as sometimes.
Work again tomorrow though.

MARCH 24

19 Mon. 3-30-42 - Had my medical exam today. Finally - yes The one I should have had the day I arrived. I'm okay - weigh 107 lbs, 20 vision

19 etc. One girl has to go back home because of her lungs. developing t.B. probably. She was coughing alot. I'm glad they send such people home.

19 The snow is melting. Must get some rubbers as my tire.

John gives me a box of chocolates for Easter. ^{or robbery & his crazy photographs.} This is Saturday and I'm

19 taking sick leave. Could go to a formal with John tonite that FBI are giving but better not.

Telegraphed mom Easter plant.

19 Worked Easter day with my bad cold. Taking sick leave again today (Monday) - Lots of time to think - of nothing. Looks like

MARCH 25

19 I'll be at a standstill for years.
Still don't think I would be
better off home except that
I could go home once in a

19 while. Shouldn't have ever left
Hartford. That was the best
place to be. & not far —

19 warm weather & to think
that we had snow last weekend,
but I love it.

John just called (as he works nites) and
said he looked up my record at F.B.I.

19 fingerprints 10 pages - his was more
said I was an average student,
quiet, - complimentary references.

19 looks like there's hardly no
spring here. It's from winter clothes
to summer clothes immediately.

MARCH 26

19 I'm lost ———

4-12-42 Sunday I sit myself down to write a few things
in my diary. It's 2:00 P.M. quiet up here. -

No one's home, I guess. Marcelle's went out for

19 the afternoon. She & I went to Sacred
Heart Church this morning. I don't know
a darn thing about catholic, - prayers, etc.

Bea telephoned this morning. Still wants

19 me to go down the weekend of the 17th.
He & 2 other boys are giving a dance. He
sent me 30 dollars to go. But I hate to.
I love him & I'll never love anyone

19 else but I'm not meant for him.
I'm not meant for anyone. Ever. And
I know that. So I'll never get married
either, unless by magic I gain

19 20 lbs. I know I should go since
he's been here so many times and he's
so good to me. I feel sorry for
myself. I detest myself.

MARCH 27

19 But I don't know what to do. If he were only taller & me fatter. I'd hate to forget him as he's the only one and still I can't marry him. I'll never

19 have another dance this - I know. I guess I'll just have to be a girl who lives alone all her life as much as I hate to - But I'm going on 23 now

19 (not so young)
I feel very shrunny today. Nothing so immature.

Last nite went to the rodeo at Riverside Stadium with John Shaw. He brought me a bunch of pretty sweet peas - pink so dainty delicate like & pretty. Last

19 Gibson, movie actor, was in the rodeo (I got his autograph) They had bulls, contestants had to jump on a bull from a horse & knock it down holding

MARCH 28

its ¹⁹ horns. Contestants rode one hand on
wild horses, - how they jumped
- tricks on horses, etc. I enjoyed it.
I don't like John but I'm glad I didn't
kiss ¹⁹ him. He doesn't appeal to me that
way. In fact I can't stand him.

Am still thinking of Pete every day.
4-13-42 Total blackout for $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours.
I certainly wouldn't like to live in a world
so pitch black. - Air raid wardens around
the streets only.

My first impression of the war was I thought
bombs ¹⁹ would be falling just any minute.

Have been considering going down to
Wilmington in 2 weeks. Might. It
would be adventurous I guess. Might
as well get as much pleasure out of
life as possible. After all, years are
flying.

MARCH 29

19 John comes over with a bunch of sweet peas + I make him go home in a half hour.

Instead went to the Burgess with 19 Marge, Vicky + Edna. We've decided not to go anymore.

John bothers me every day — Met me after work today

19 (Sunday) ⁴⁻¹⁹⁻⁴² Treated me to a delicious big steak dinner at Ciro's. I don't know how many courses. — first - fruit cocktail,

19 then soup (good) then spaghetti with Chicken ravioli (3rd course) salad + then finally the main dish —

19 big fat steak with french fried p., peas, bread & butter, coffee + dessert. Couldn't eat it all of course.

I'm getting my raise by the way

MARCH 30

19 Have been looking over for a suit to wear down to Wilmington but can't find one anywhere. Not the right season + such cheap materials for high prices

19 Almost changed my mind but am going again. I don't know how it'll turn out. Gosh, I hope it's all right.

I do still don't know what I'm going

19 to wear. Stores are open tonight (Thurs.) I'm leaving Fri 7:05 P.M. arriving at 8:15 a.m. Sat, am having a sleeper. - hope the trip is as easy as

19 Pete describes it. am having only Sat. + Sun. though.

4-27-42
Mon. - Had the most wonderful weekend in my life. Friday left at 7:00 P.M.

19 was planning to take the Pullman, but when he said, "Sorry, the pullmans all filled, did my face drop, but got a coach ticket anyway - only \$12.75 (incl. bedding

MARCH 31

19 tax) round Trip. Well, I thought
this Train was going right straight to W.
but what a disappointment when
the conductor said, - "Change in

19 Rocky Mountⁿ North Carolina. Well,
There was nothing else to do but get
off at Rocky Mount station at
1:00 in the morning and I had to

19 wait Til 3:30 A.M. It was a
little hick town station. Well, there
were other people waiting, too. From
there to W. set with a few

19 girl from N.Y. Couldn't sleep
hardly but got a few little doses
even tho it was terribly uncomfortable.
Arrived in W at 9:00 A.M. Pete

19 met me. Everything seemed so
different. This was the real south.
Black, very black negroes.
first Pete took me home. What a

APRIL 1

19 big home i beautiful big yard,
Tall Trees, etc. & large rooms,
lovely room. I Had a little extra
room on the second floor & Pete's

19 was on third. Mrs. Kidder who
owns the house has 2 daughters
her husband died a year or so ago.
Met Petes friends rooming there.

19 Very nice, college kids, etc.
also work at the shipyard

Pete and I rode around. W. is
noted for its beaches, sand even around

19 the homes, side walks, etc. We went
to see the ocean. All you could see
was water, big, huge waves -
rather warm, - we hung around it

19 Pete, by the way, had a cold
all the time. In the afternoon
went to "Orton's Plantation"
a dollar a piece. Beautiful

Got blossoms little flower with a real
banana smell ^{APRIL 2} from the lady.

19 gardens and trees with the gray
moss like hanging down like a
weeping willow tree, big old trees
Insects eaten by termites or something.

19 fields of ^{Tall} yellow grass in
swampy land. Old churches - one
ruined in a battle, - old tombstones
Went to Plantation Club with

19 Peter & friends also. Very nice
place, not crowded like the
Lotus Club etc. Nice people. Many
shipyard workers friends. Ate,

19 drank & danced. Met polish
fellow, - cute, whose father is
counselor or something. - Born in
Poland & been over a few times

19 since then and speaks Polish
wonderfully so we talked
together in Polish.

APRIL 3

19 Sunday we rose early to see the launching of a ship "The John Calhoun". The shipyard is very interesting, large and still expanding. Several shipways with

19 Ships in the process of being built. On one side laborers (had race with other side) knocked down poles-like under ship. Then ship slowly smoothly

19 glided into the water. Great big thing. It was so exciting. Pete brought me into his office. I typed a letter for him (no mistake, ah)

19 We rode around, hung around the sand bluffs (so he called) leisurely, looking at the still water. Everything nice. We could spend hours & hours

19 together doing nothing or talking little and be satisfied.

On the way we drove in from the road to take a picture of

APRIL 4

19 The beautiful tall trees that grow in water. We got stuck in the sand, - and the hardest time getting out really

19 By this time I was so starved (as we had breakfast early) so starved we drove out without even taking the picture. We

19 were both dirty. I looked terrible. My hair was straight & stringy as it was damp in the morning. I didn't have the

19 proper clothes & not enough either so I really didn't look too good. Well, I know Pete hated to see me leave. We talked

19 quite seriously about things etc. And I still think hisswell. We got along perfectly and I'm really glad I took the vacation

APRIL 5

19 The most adventurous and exciting (for me) was taking the Pullman back. I enjoyed it so much. First time in my life being in a sleeper. - lower berth.

Had a little mirror in it, 2 little lamps, shelf, not clean bed. I loved it all so. I was really

19 happy. Woke up when we were standing in Rocky Mount and looked out of my window into the dark - North Carolina.

19 I slept well and the porter woke me at 6:30 but didn't get up as the train was late. Had supper and breakfast on the

19 Train. Arrived in Wash. at 9:00 A.M. Monday - late for work. Met Marion O'Brien who had just got off the train also so we took the

APRIL 6

19 cab to work together. (camp
Davis is just outside of Wilmington
So there were lots of servicemen
around. all seemed nice, too.

19

Bananas are six cents a piece.

Went to Duke's Salon & had my

19 hair fixed. - shampooed, cut, & curled 3

(no permanent so will have to
get one) this is a feather something
out. On the way home the fellow

19 next to me in the street car
asked me the time & I thought he
said, "Do you have a dime?" and
started giving him a dime.

19 Have 3 big charts to type
out today to be photostated
besides some transcriptions.

APRIL 7

19 5-2-42. Formal dance (F.B.I.)
at the Mayflower Hotel with
John Shaw. (that sissy) I was very
boring company.

19 Met Evelyn Feldman downtown.
Last nite we had a blackout for
a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. IT was awful. The
weird-sounding siren & all was

19 pitch black. How horrible it
would be if it were real.

Poor little Jimmy has the
chicken pox. Wonder how he's

19 Taking it.

Sunday Marcy & I went biking.
She learned how to ride for the
first time. It was a nice day.

19 Sunday evening met Sophie's
penpal Matie. From the sound of
his voice over the phone I
thought he'd be some nut, but

APRIL 8

19 my what handsome looking fellow. Only it's too bad his speech is so poor. We went to the movies. I'm anxious to see Helen this weekend. She's coming.

Haven't been doing anything but looking forward to Helen's visit this weekend. 19 And have been thinking of Pete. He phoned last nite.

Helen arrived Sunday 12:15 A.M. I was sure glad to see her. Earl & Joyce had dinner at the Garden Tea Shoppe. Then took 19 a cab ^{2 hours} sightseeing. Took dizzy John & along as it wouldn't cost anymore. Then had supper at Colliers & didn't do anything in the evening. ~~Sun~~ Monday was

19 spent shopping. Didn't get to see Smithsonian Institute or anything. Just Helen was interested anyway. I might spend a weekend in N.Y. in the middle of June & see Pete.

APRIL 9

¹⁹ Spent \$1.70 for food today.
Had a delicious piece of sirloin
steak for dinner. Hot today.

May 1 - Anniversary of the
¹⁹ Southern Club and a double
military wedding. Orchestra, etc.

New to new comers but I'm just
an old timer. Feel like I've had
¹⁹ enough. But I guess it didn't
interest a lot of us.

6-16-42 Haven't written for quite some
time. Nothing's happened except that

¹⁹ Pete's ad letter was received
with the picture turning his back. - Made me
copy, etc. (Funny thing). That was because
he declined his invitation to Bay Head.

¹⁹ But the next day he called me up,
thanking me. Well, 'cause he had received
my good letter the day I received his.
Anyway on his way to Bay Head he

APRIL 10

19 stopped here, arriving Sat. morning.
I worked. He phoned me here in the
office. ^(Jim in the office now) Then met me for lunch. We
ate at Cleves. then Virginia &

19 Betty came to our table. He met
me at 5:00, ate, waited around
didn't do anything or go anywhere
just talked, etc. He thinks so
19 hard. Got to bed at 3:00.

Had to work the next day, Sunday.
but was very busy. Forgot
my badge so had to go home

19 for it. Sunday evening, didn't
do anything but went to see
Margie who is out of the hospital
but in the other house.

19 So far have had 3 dates with
Max. Last time we went
walking, ate, etc. & he brought
me a box of candy which I thought

APRIL 11

19 was a very sweet gesture. Last
rite another date. (3rd date) met
me after work. Ate supper in
Press's, wasted some time in the

19 park in the sun then to the
Navy Band concert in front of the
capitol which was very impressing,
the setting beautiful. Then to the

19 USO lounge in the Union Station
+ a double letter to Soph. Sort of
funny. He gave me a gold locket
chain with his picture which

19 I think he shouldn't have
done especially being only the third
date. He better not fall for me.
He would be nice if older & better speak.

19 Its a marine insignia on locket.

Letter from Helen, wants to borrow
10. I hope she doesn't have to spend too
much on doctor bills + I hope she gets better soon.

APRIL 12

19 Wanted to go to Fashion Show (Jelleffs Dept Store) at the Willard Hotel. wanted to ask Shirley Campbell as I had 2 tickets but the line was busy for

19 the longest time but I guess her phone must be out of order so didn't get anyone to go so am missing the show.

19 Made out a \$5 money order for Father's Day.

Pete sends me a book "David Copperfield". It's supposed to be good

19 reading.

went after my grey & white striped dress at the laundries. And it's ruined so didn't pay for it of course

19

but she didn't even want to put it in a bag for me so I had to get the nigger girl to do. Of course I shouldn't have told them to wash it I guess

APRIL 13

19 Had dinner alone at the Chinese restaurant ~~and~~ a fellow at the other end of the table came up to my table to eat with me - Is telephoning me

19 when the blackout begins tonight.

- Lost my temper with Edna & exploded but she gets me mad. Just loves to bite at one. It was over

19 - the "Key" Stella left in the door for me & Nellie took out & gave Mrs. Henderson

Thurs. Went Shopping. Feel like crying

19 when 9:00 o'clock struck & I still didn't have any packages. It makes me mad not to be able to get play shoes narrow enough for me.

19 Now when I think of it I think it was rather kiddish of Max to give me that cheap lock. I much rather gifts rarely & far between but the best. Now he writes me a letter "will you

APRIL 14

19

many me. I suppose you'll say "no" but I can at least say I've tried. - Shows some ignorance on

his part as I've been out with him only 3 times & am not in love with him. In

19

fact, he's just another lonesome maine
6-22-42 Pete spent the weekend here again
on his return trip. Very hot & we didn't

19

do anything but 'lage' around. - Quite
- you know. He stayed in the annex
in the house in back of this one. We were
absolutely content in sitting for hours

19

Doing nothing.

Had a steak dinner after work with
Bette Davis at O'Donnell's, - \$1.05
6-24-42 Permanent \$16.50 (oh boy!)

19

but it's once a year — Didn't
want it cut as it was short but he
insisted, - said it would last longer,
etc. It looks a little too sophisticated
but in a month or two it might be okay.

APRIL 15

19 Isabel returns my \$2 which she borrowed over a year ago, married now Margie, Edna & I - movies (first movie for ages) When

19 I got home there was a package from Max. - the radio. cute, - small, modern looking plays well. It's darling.

19 Zenith.

Max gives me a ^{gold} bracelet.
4th of July - working day
Getting hot.

19 7-6-42 Date with Irv Ronald Sorch -

Harvard graduate, - intelligent

Went out with Irv 5 times the

first week & rested the next

19 week except for ^{Thurs} Friday

today is Sat. Just washed my hair.

Must take a bath. Not as hot as yesterday thank goodness. Pete called. I haven't

APRIL 16

19 written him since the first week following his weekend here. Just giving ourselves a rest. but must write him if I can think of anything to write.

19 Irv called. - is leaving Monday being inducted. He seems to be the happy-go-lucky care-free type, if that's what I mean. Lots of fun though. Thurs. we went

19 dancing, etc. on the roof garden of the Roger Smith Hotel.
7-17-42
Friday - dinner after work and movie. Jimmy Dorsey's

19 orchestra on stage and "Tarzan" movie.

Helen made me a darling skirt.

Mon. morning 1:00 July 19 - Got up early as

19 it's so hot. - & this room, too. Got up dripping wet. - early. Had to iron a dress. took a bath. Yesterday was spent loafing - day wasted

APRIL 17

19 too hot to move. Irv came over
in the evening to say good-bye.
7-24-42 Irv came to Wash. on his furlough.

Finished up some work in his office. We went

19 to Hotel Hamilton. - Stayed up too
late though. -

I forgot to write in my diary that
I had a tooth pulled out - Wisdom tooth
way ^{back} 19 perfectly good tooth but the dentist
claimed it had to come out so I let him
have his way. - there was no tooth under
it to bite on. - Didn't hurt a bit out
before I realized. Also had my
19 teeth cleaned.

Sent Helen \$15 & dad sent \$50.

Sunday 7-26 - Called home.

19 for a change. I was
really quite excited. They were
all home.

Helen Cherepovich said good-bye to

APRIL 18

19 us all today. Going home tomorrow for good.
Pete called up the other nite

19 Ping pong tournament.
won my partner - two out of three games but lost ~~the~~ semi-finals.

19 Tues. 8-14-42 Date with Bob Jordan, - nice fellow (-engineer, about 27) from around Chicago. - nice but could never care for him. Dinner wash. so rather lonesome I suppose. Went to the Mayfair.

Sunday the 11th worked so well / got a day off. Sophi's coming this week.

19

APRIL 19

19 Col. Wakeman has these degrees:
Ph G Ph C B.S M.D
MA Ph.D D.V.P.H

author of several books

19 member of different societies

Thurs-Aug. 20'42 Sophi calls that she isn't coming down. I was to meet her today. She has a cold. I'm not only

19 disappointed but mad that she had to get a cold just when she was coming. I knew I couldn't picture her here.

19 Helen is moving to Greenfield. I can't get over it. Might be sad leaving Flushing but I want to hear from her. wonder

19 if she's happy about it. It'll be nice for ~~my~~ ~~me~~ now that she's expecting a baby in February.
wrote to Leon Friedman 9 Oct 42

APRIL 20

19 Aug. 31, '42 Saw some
movie stars today - Hedy Lamarr
Greer Garson (Mrs. Miniver) Bing Crosby.
Ginny Sims, Abbott & Costello, Jim Cagney.

19 Ralph Bellamy, Edw. Arnold,
Inez Dunn, Ann Rutherford, Kay Kyser,
Bing Crosby. But to my disappointment
didn't recognize half of them. However,

19 I didn't have long enough time to
see. They were en route for bond sale.
As we were coming out of the bldg.
motorcycles whistled by & army

19 jeeps (no tops) following with
the stars. Slowly so we had
good views from the curb. Just
about 2 ft. away & no crowds!

19

APRIL 21

19 9-22-42 Back from my week vacation at home. Back to doing nothing. Didn't do much at home. The apartment is changed. We have only 3 rooms now. Helen is in South Deerfield. Kind of a lonesome thick town.

19 Date with Bob - dinner & movie ("Battle at Midway" newsreel).
Sun. Sept. 27

Robbery in house. 2 pocketbooks stolen (\$60) Ann & I were going out to breakfast & there were 2 cops downstairs. I thought of the paper boy who was on the third floor. (about 8:00 in the morning) I was fast asleep so sort of in a daze and couldn't quite figure out whether he was on the

APRIL 22

19 third or second. But Ann saw
him at the foot of the stair-
way. Not too suspicious
but she thought it was a
19 little fishy. He sort of
hesitated, she said, at the top
of the stairway & put on his
hat. Ann was a little mad
19 "Who is it?" & he replied that
he was supposed to deliver a
paper on the third floor. Edna
& Nellie heard but went
19 back to sleep again. Thanks
to Ann that she was awake &
our rooms would have been
next. I'd be so scared to
19 see a man in my room - And
the 3rd floor of all places.
I don't see how anyone could dare.
He must have been crazy. ^{rather} Young says
Ann says

APRIL 23

19 Movie this after with Ann
+ Nellie. - Rain

Dinner at The Neptune Room
(1.30 steak dinner) put much

19 too much. I'm really stuffed.

Officer next door temporarily - from S. America
where he was for 15 yrs. Orson Welles

19 worked some with him + taught him
something about the movies. Lookpictures

¹⁰⁻⁵⁻⁴² Went to the movies myself this evening.
Really unsurprised at myself. Saw

19 "Wake Island" then Treated myself to
a sundae.

At 2:45 A.M. (all asleep) - fire sirens
whistled. Elaine woke up immediately
put off lights in bathroom + woke kids
19 in big room. "Girls, put out the
light. There's an air raid" I couldn't
stop laughing. Elaine must have been
half asleep. But she just never it just
never dawned on her that it could be
fire sirens.

APRIL 24

19 Oct. 17 Sat. Flood. - from several
day rains. Pete was supposed
to come in at 7:00 this morning
Now - 2:00 P. M. & the Union

19 station hasn't even received any
report, information yet as to
when it will be in. Oh oh. -

Poor Pete, too. What a trip for
19 him & almost a whole day
wasted. Hope he can stay
more. I'm so sorry, was so
disappointed. Not raining now

19 this. Thank goodness -

Stomach crazy. -

Haven't even heard from Pete.
Thurs. Had a swell weekend with Pete.

19 He was due 7:00 A. M. Saturday
but didn't arrive until 4:00 P. M.
on account of high waters. So because
so much of Sat. was wasted he

APRIL 25

¹⁹ decided to stay Mon. & I decided to
take sick leave. Sat. nite "Bambi"
Sun. - church, methodist episcopal
good sermon. afternoon - long

¹⁹ walk thru Rock Creek Park.
3 miles up & 3 miles back. Sweet
weather! movie - newsreel,
"United we Stand". Sat. we

¹⁹ each had 3 glasses of rye & ginger
ale & were a little happy.

Mon. - up the monument, - my
first time & being here almost

¹⁹ 2 yrs. Very windy up there.
my face even got windburned.

Pete stopped in a few places
to inquire about army, etc.
¹⁹ in case his deferment ends.

His eyes are very bad. I'm
very critical of people but not
of him. He hints at the future but I

APRIL 26

19 don't take him seriously. one cute thing was "Ann, I want you to think about something" "What? - about what we should do tomorrow?"

"19 Ann, I want you to be my wife. I took it jokingly. said "don't get too luvy dovy now" - etc.

We went to the daughters of American
19 Rev. bldg & saw bust of Martha Wash. sculptures by Peter's grandmother. This was copied on the one-cent stamp.

19 Good weekend - nothing charged against annual leave.

Quinn's are leaving. I certainly will hate to see them go

19

APRIL 27

10-26-42

19 Was to visit Dorothy Davenport (married now - marington) - get to - gather to stop for Shirl but she had gone bombing because of rain all day. But the party was not postponed since it

19 cleared up. So I was on my way alone - thinking marington would be just across the bridge but the bus went way down Lee Highway thru country & dark streets. The bus driver didn't even know where 2180 N. Abingdon St was but left me up near 21st Rd. Well I was lost. The few street lights were dark. asked the girl, but she didn't know, but was very nice to help me. we went to the drugstore & looked it up on the map.

19 Stopped out again (She was still with me at the time). I didn't want her to bother. I came to alternate St & the store after that wasn't it. Still lost. Went back to drugstore & asked my

19 didn't know looked on map 21st St was dead end street. On the map was some vacant space - some colored station around there. Well, I really live in a colored section I'm surprised. Well, I certainly wasn't going thru any colored section & look for 2809 St. might so come home

APRIL 28

19 Helen sent me some delicious home-made cookies.
- Stomach trouble -

10-4-42 - Glad to hear Saus got a promotion in her job. -

19 My efficiency rating - Excellent
last year it was only "good" Sure am glad to be out of that office.

Last nite went to the Ice Follies with Max Very good. The Stadium was filled to capacity. 12 of the cast has been drafted but there are still 120 in it. Skating, lights, etc. was just
19 wonderful.

Well, Edna Harris has gone home. Seems kind of funny in a way altho she was rather bossy & fussy & impolite in her ways.
19 sometimes, she did keep up the place. We all chipped in \$2 up here & got her a suitcase. which she liked very much.

APRIL 29

19 Sat. nite saw "Desperate Journey" a very good movie. - U.S. soldiers in Germany, etc. - went with Ann Freeman.

19 Sun. Ann & I went to church. afternoon. Walked all the way down to O'Donnells. - ate, I had tuna fish salad & milk - bread, butter (185)

19 big portions ^{too big}. walked all the way back by way of 16th St. which was beautiful. - Great buildings. Nice day. we enjoyed it. Then

19 topped it off with double decker ice cream cones.

Getting kind of tired of not getting anywhere. Am at such a standstill. - war! - 2nd front in Africa

APRIL 30

19

Elaine's always broke. —

Two new girls up here. —

One in Edna's place. — young girl "Teeneey" from St. Paul — working at Fr. B. I. —

19

optimistic type — peppy — roller skating to nite. must be having fun.

The new girl in the single room is a professional tap dancer. She is a hostess

19

^{some r. n.?}
^{information}! — steps at the Stage Door Canteen, etc. Such vitality! — maybe about 23? (just heard her say she was getting married soon) / moving into the next house now.

19

11-16-42 Am getting a raise (\$18.00) We're all getting raised except Roberta. Oh boy, when she finds out, it's going to be just too bad. I feel sorry for her in a way as she won't understand why. She'll probably resign.

MAY 1

19 Sun. 11-22-42 Last nite Mrs. Henderson gave a formal in the big house. It was quite a success. band, good dancing. Officers and enlisted men. Not too many of us girls attended, however.

19 Paul Jones, etc - I + Lt. Sid Soddings with two other couples went to the Cross Roads after the dance. He has a Ph.D. degree (32 yrs. old) so might be married for all I know - 32

19 We're (Ann, etc) are glad we attended, however. It gives one a few new ideas I think to get out. Mine is - that I've still got an awful lot to learn. I was rather dull company, I think. couldn't seem to get in on any

19 conversation interesting enough. The other girls weren't much.

Elaine comes home tight. Iaffs at it this morning. Her corsage^{roses} in a glass of water. Water is all

19 red colored. The corsage is artificial.

MAY 2

19 Sunday

12-20-42 - waiting for Pete to call from the station, as he is on his way to Wilmington from New York.

I had a swell vacation. Reported back to work Saturday, - half in & date. Pete is swell but I don't like his

19

"the one"

"height age family & friends (in allusion to the)"

Metropolitan with Lily & one

"Lucia Di Lamarrour" (or something)

wonderful - Lily was shaking & trembling after when bowing for the applause.

His shorter than I thought.

19

Beautiful colors & costumes & exceedingly audience theatre with five balconies, if you call it that, - boxes.

Two plays - "The Eve of St. Mark" with Lilian Breckon as the

19

mother ^{movie} actress. very true to life. - war play

also musical play "Rosalinda"

which I think I liked best of all good players. danced song act -

19

Good drunken scene.

Pete's mother, dad & sister, Harriet still in the studio,

Shift N.Y. Sunday. Pete left 119

MAY 3

19 for Hamp. Tues. Had a room at Helen's. The train runs to So. Deerfield only twice a day. Hiked up Mt Sugar Loaf. Cold day. snow & dry icicles.

19 Wed evening Helen had company. The De Roses & another couple. Helen wasn't feeling well.

I think the vacation was a good check. how I feel I should go out, meet people, etc instead of sitting back too much. Terribly lonesome tho. - Sunday was in a weeping mood.

19 Ann Freeman is getting her diamond for Xmas. I don't know what I'll do when she leaves.

Pete & I returned to N. Y. Thurs
19 Saw "Kosahida" in the evening. I slept at Mrs. Trannis's sister's apartment (8 rooms beautiful on 8th Street) Mrs Trannis & 3 daughters

MAY 4

19 Mrs. Dennis, Harriet, Pete & I

we went to the Metropolitan Museum where they have beautiful paintings, sculptures, Egyptian mummies, - Roman stuff, etc.

19 Big museum.

Did a little shopping in N. Y. bought mittens and a Xmas corsage for Harriet. Pete gave me a pin

19 & I sent him old spice powder & lotion.

Friday evening was Eleanor's birthday party. - buffet supper
19 nice kids attending. Andrew's boyfriend a swell piano player (father a musician) so he played some good songs & we sang.

19 Sat. work.

Sun. Pete arrived. Looked up his friends here. Princeton graduates. Swell. - 2 rooms in cellar (5 boys) dinner together (all of us) upstairs (Eleanor) - Dinner Sun.

MAY 5

19 Wed evening - Xmas party in big house.
Ten-cent presents. I gave a pencil
sharpened and received Graham Annie
clothespins. I feel I've been living here
19 too long. Ann F. & I about the
oldest members.

Ann F. has her diamond.
Thurs. Xmas Eve. Ann, Marge,
19 & I had dinner at O'Donnell's
Seafood Place.

The officers gave all of us
a swell Xmas present. - Coty
19 compact & lipstick. I
certainly think it was nice of them.
Roberta surprised us all with
a boot with an orange in it,
19 nuts, candy, etc.

Max left me a box of nuts.
lost nix
Reid Xmas cards

MAY 6

19 Xmas - day -

(in S.G.O.)

Open house at Velma's apt.
egg nog (with whiskey) brought her
cranberry punch, potato chips,
nuts, etc. Very nice.

4 girls in spacious apartment.
About 44 invited. From 2 to 6
they'd come & others leave the

19

Xmas evening. Nellie invites
Ann, Marge & me to her
apartment for Xmas dinner.

19 Marge has another date.

Ann & I are bringing Nellie wine.

It was a nice dinner. Later
2 LT. friends of Nell's come over.

19

Small
basketball game.
Mack played in

MAY 7

19 Frozen foods, dried foods & canned food to be rationed. See why. This old way and all the boys in was!

19 Sat - nite - No dates so Marge & I thought we'd go to the Willard Hotel for dinner & whoa boy never again - My

19 dinner was \$ 3.25 plus \$.25 tip. It really bothers me to have spent so much. I & r funny feeling.

19 I'm terribly lonesome. but there isn't even any place to go to meet people it seems, - except tough places. and

19 I can't enjoy myself in a cheap crowd.

like U.S. S. dances etc
Sat. nite - we skating at cherry chair with Marge. colder inside than outside Marge fell

x got her dress all wet. so went home. I
stayed a while later alone, - lonesome.

MAY 8

19 Sun. - 1-18-43 - Warm day.

The afternoon was warm and without
a coat, - but muggy or something.

Lazy & tired all afternoon. -

19 Morning - bath ^{breakfast at the hotel (house)} - church with Marge
at the Unitarian. Sermon: "The Happy Pilgrim"
Ann & I went down town - lunch at the
Coffee Shop in the Wilbur Hotel. -

19 Hot chicken sandwich, potato, cranberry
milk, apple pie, - good lunch \$1.90
plus .10 tip. - Visited Mellon Gallery
of Art. - Then new movie at the

19 Trans Lux. Gosh, I certainly would
hate to be in the Navy on the ocean. -
came home - dinner at a new place
on Upper Com. Ave. - "Chin's" Chinese -

19 sandwich & a Bottle of beer. believe it
or not. I thought it would be good for my
stomach evening short. -

MAY 9

19 1-19-43 Bette invited Ginny + me to dinner. Long ride out to their apartment (Bette's sister with daughter 15 + son 14) good dinner, spaghetti etc. They are Jews and **19** They mean to be nice but not exactly the type I like.

so at work about 9 officers in conference from parts of the country - Lt. Cols. + Colonels. **19** sat with them to take down any notes but not many points were brought up that had to be taken down. I stayed a few hours & listened with interest. The conference

19 will last maybe 4 days. -

Typed Col Sheehans 12 page report on his manuevre inspection way back in September.

19 next day took notes down.

MAY 10

19 Girl in office asked girls to take first-aid. I signed^o up. Twice a week, Mon. & Thurs. 8-10 P.M. with homework. Went tonite. I

19 like it very much. It is very interesting. The teacher is from the A. Red Cross. Bought a first-aid book and cloth (for bandages, etc.)

19 learned to make the square knot. —

1-23-42 Sat evening. Learned to play some bridge in big room —

19 Marge, Sarah, Ann & I. had gingerale & Calvert drinks.

Pete called. we must have talked almost 10 minutes

19

MAY 11

letter from 1-25

19 Ed. Schenck, way down in mine and
very adventurous. wants to go to
Brazil.

the Surgeon General just got back
19 from a trip over the world.

Africa, etc. Says boys are in good
health, more sick from venereal
diseases than fevers.

19

Pres. Roosevelt in Africa
Conference with Churchill ^{Churchill} etc.

1, 27-43 reported to work two years

4919

Dinner at Dorothy Davenport
(Mrs. Reinhart) in Arlington
nice apartment. Shirley

19

Campbell's Elsie Bull
also there. good chicken
dinner. Dot's husband is rather
thin & meagre for her tho', I think.

MAY 12

19 I bought a $\frac{1}{2}$ lb chocolate
we lacked most of the time. Good
to get her like that.

Biggest snowfall this year
19 today. - clear weather.

1-29-42 Marge's office gave a
sing (The Club) little get-together
at Hotel Waldman Park. Sarah

19 Marge & I went. beer & pretzels.

Sun 1-30-43 Bill Buecher drops
in town from Camp Pickett, Va.

19 with a little chubby red-cheek
friend. Owen came, too, -

Hotel 2400 - main room filled
Drank & Talked

19

2-6-43 office moved to 4th floor.
Adams with Col Wakeman, Shuchan,
& Robinson. They are wonderful men.

It's really quite a change
MAY 13
Col. Sheehan says they will have to
19 change their personalities now,
(as they swear so much) —

Shoes being rationed. 3 pr per year
19 Whoa Boy, and sick! —

First aid is still interesting
Mrs. Bey is our teacher. Prof.
19 Thers Dgress.

demonstration of blood plasma
dried plasma + distilled water, etc.

2-14-43

19 Pete ^{up} doo this weekend.
Same thing — nothing new.
I'm not really in love Dgress,
felt blasé all weekend.

19 Very cold + windy. Hope
I don't get a sore throat.

He gave me his fraternity pin Phi Kappa Sigma

MAY 14

- 19 The Union Station full of soldiers.
Hope Pete got a seat on the train.
Says - some people think war workers
sacrifice nothing but they sacrifice
19 the glory of being in the service.
Max gives me valentine choc. box.

Helen sent me a little valentine
19 red bag, ring & home-made
heart shaped ^{tarts} cookies. Certainly
is sweet of her.

2-21-43 Sunday -

- 19 Nice to have a day off once in a while.
Warm day & to think that last
Sunday was so hot. - Didn't do much
alone most of the day. Went to the
19 library & wrote mom a letter in
Polish. I needed polish-english dictionary.
Walked up & back. Dinner at the Sun.
Lunch & bacon. -

MAY 15

19 Mon - First aid

air raid practice went down in
cellar (air raid shelter)

Tues - had my hair shampooed
19 set for a change.
Slight cold.

Saturday - Finally took a day off for
this cold. 19 cold day, - little snow
last night - it even lightninged &
thundered. Some Washington weather
Maud & I got our Ration Book no. 2
19 which is on canned foods, then
went to an extra class of First aid.

Miss Chang asks me to go out.
19 First I thought she meant with a white
person - some military attaché,
2 other girls from the girls with Major and
Colonel, etc. But the men were Chinese,

MAY 16

19 quite americanized, nice looking,
intelligent & interesting but Chinese.
I didn't accept the date, —
letter from Mae 2,

19

Wrote ^{long} letter to Mrs Roosevelt, —
in the office. She had received letter
of complaint about too many physicians
19 in army, etc.

3-15-43

Sunday - date with Bob Jordan.
Went out to S. E. near Anacostia

19

R. near Navy Dept. where he works,
engineer, I was to help him wash his
car. Nice new little private
Lexus, no street car lines. Lovely day.

19

took a walk in the country, woods,
trees, etc. Had dinner. Kinda like Bob.
He is sort of like Pete, very nice.

MAY 17

193-16-43 Vernice's birthday.

Mom + Soph sent me robe

Helen - cute white ruffled collar blouse.

Max - wrist watch - didn't want to

19 accept it but evidently he wouldn't know what to do with it.

Roommate - small pin

Ann Freeman - nut brittle + card

19 Marge - Revlon nail polish remover in cosmetic bag.

Bette in office - pretty lanky to match my suit.

19 Phyllis bought my lunch but I didn't want her too.

Pete phoned. I didn't sound very close or talkative. He is swell but

19 I don't know. — ?

Sun. - 3/28/43 Date with Bob. — + his friend's girl who works in the office of the ~~new~~ home at Emergency Hosp. We had a nice dinner. I still kinda like Bob.

April 10, '43

MAY 18

19 Nice weather, still wearing winter coat. Ann Freeman left last mite for Texas. I don't suppose I'll ever see her again, - Will miss gossiping with her. But maybe

19 it's all for the better, as she didn't get along too well with Sarah (George - Southern Railway girl moved into her place. Haven't met her yet.

went to First aid. took test.

19 ~~Then~~ Then to Virginia's - new apartment. Soldos & Martha were there. Enjoyed it very much.

Kinda lonesome, as usual.

19 ~~Called~~ Called Pete up the other evening as I hadn't written him. He didn't have anything to say I don't think of him anymore & hardly ~~no~~ no doubt vice versa.

19 Not much doing.

First aid -
+ hoping Bob calls.

april 28 1943 MAY 19

19 almost moved. I don't know my own mind tho'. always felt I should move. This room is hot in summer. (2) I've been here too long &

(3) my roommate. Employee Relations in the office told me about Edytha who was looking for a roommate. She came to see me. I really wasn't sure of myself. Felt I should move. Have been very blue these days, feel in a rut not even my girl friends to go anywhere with.

19 went to see her room at the Manhattan Hotel, which is very beautiful. Everything new & modern. So nice it scared me. The bigness, too. I didn't feel sure I would meet many girls on account of the

19 bigness. — like N.Y.C. don't know your own next door neighbor, (maybe) I don't know. \$10 more a month than what I'm paying now. Want sure it was worth the difference.

19 Edytha seemed like a nice roommate. Room not much bigger than this one tho', if at all. Another girl was waiting in the lobby to see the room. So I had to make

MAY 20

up my mind. said yes. - filled out my
19 application. Couldn't leave a deposit
as the cashier wasn't there. Came home and
felt very lonesome + alone in this great
big world. Sarah came in + talked. Tupt

19 day I called Edytha + told her I
changed my mind. She had to give up her
room as they wouldn't give her another day
(I heard later) - took 2 friends together in

19 her room + she ^{had to take} ~~went into~~ a single.
Wish this damn war would end.

Looks like I'll be in Southern Club a
while as I am a baby about moving.

19 Rooms are hard to get tho. -

Had a date with Bob Shurs. Went to
Wardman Park Hotel. - Dancing

19 scotch + soda, which made me a
little dizzy, felt like giggling for a
while. He had his car - is kinda "fast"
Wonder if it's because he doesn't care (about me)

MAY 21

Sun

19 Easter - Went to church with Marge & Evelyn. Very nice. good music. Lot of people out, all dressed up. Beautiful day. Things getting

19 green. The air just smelled. Marge visited Vicki in afternoon, played tennis. Evelyn went to work.

Sarah is home.

19 Just had to do something so called Ginny. We & Edith her roommate took a walk, went down Hains Point around Jefferson Memorial, etc.

19 a Lot of people. Took a few pictures.

Last nite went out with Ginny. Movie "Human Comedy" with

19 Mickey Rooney. Wonderful (war) came out of movie & picked up 2 soldiers. Of course you can't meet real nice ones on the street. They asked

MAY 22

19 us to go to the midnight show at the Earl Theatre. So what do you suppose we did! Were tired - good picture tho' (war picture). -

19

Phoned home. Saus answered. talked with mom. I Couldn't seem to express myself in polish, I'm sorry to say.

19

Sunday May 2, 1943

I have been trying to keep busy, which is good for me. at least I've had the energy

19

I am eating well, it isn't hot yet. ~~thess~~. Bill Buescher dropped in. He is stationed at Wash for a while talking some at Georgetown Univ. I had to go to first aid

19

so spent only about a hour or so with him then went to first aid. Late the Wed. I guess I didn't do anything.

MAY 23

19 Thurs. First aid again. Traction
applied. Test soon so I must start studying
Friday. Went out with Arlene Silva
and Bennielee. Went over to Bennielee's house

19 Then to Hotel 2400 - "Friendly Club"
diner, etc. nice place - tables on sort of
balcony around ballroom, - raft chairs
in another room. Drinks, we were all

19 sleepy. Didn't meet anyone tho
was with little guy most of the time.
Bennielee is really the popular girl. Cute
young. -

19 Slept over Bennielee. + Arlene did
as Bennielee's roommate. Kitty, is on vacation
in Nebraska. Three in a bed,

It was different + I enjoyed it.
19 Even tho they are both only 18.
But they don't seem it.

MAY 24

19 Sat. Mary Lemon, whose aunt & uncle
in charge of USO at Knights of Columbus got us
in Dolores. Penelope & me & Ginny came.

Some dumb guys. at least I was unlucky.

19 Sunday not in a very good mood.

So watch out for me. Washed my hair. Must
get some washing done ironing, letters, etc.
Well I had something to do.

19

May 7 - Getting real hot.

First aid comite. Working on traction
splints.

19 not busy in office

Betty is getting her release & resigning
to go home as her mother is sick.

19 no dates lately & no prospects
Wed. Ginny & I saw Thor & Sept film
on war (free)

Mary spending weekend in N.Y.
4 Elaine " " home

MAY 25

19 Sat. nite Sarah & Clara & I went out for a sundae. On the way back dropped into a church where there was a little dance for servicemen etc.

19 Not much of anything. Next day date with one of the boys, but found out he has an 8-yr old boy, was married in Germany. Doesn't

19 look quite as old as he must be, walked around - all day - dinner.

Glad Marge got a radio photograph

19 from her cousin. The other nite (my radio on window sill) they were playing it around 3:30 in the morning. The neighbors reported it to the police. Some girl downstairs

19 answered the door & came up to tell the girls. Turns out there was a police car outside.

MAY 26

19 5-12 - Daddy must have been operated (rupture) on by now. Gee, I hope he is feeling all right. I'm anxious to hear from them.

19 War in Africa sounds pretty good Bizerte captured, so shipping will be easier with the mediterranean opened.

19 5-13-43 Dinner at Jimmy for Bette as she's resigning
nice time.

19 Sun 5-16-43 - Cold. Maybe will take tomorrow off to be perfect for the 5th to go home. Worked today. Ed Eckart was there so I really didn't

19 work. Jimmy came in to work on his chart.

Gas shortage

MAY 27

19 Wed. - Movie with Ginny & Edith,
"The more the merrier". very good.

Thurs. Went downtown, bought a
raincoat, waited in a long line at the
19 Argonne just to buy bus: dinner late.

Fri. - Washed my hair

Sat. - washed & ironed. etc.

oh, by the way, I had a nice vacation

19 home. nothing exciting but it's
the little simple things that count.
Daddy out of the hospital & was home,
walking around slowly. - Mom is

19 well. She can chat. Helen rather
nervous type, not too satisfied with
where she lives. Saus looks
rather thin & doesn't do much.

19 mowed the lawn, visited Evelyn
in East Hampton & Vera in Greenfield.

MAY 28

19 Damn those maids or someone, always taking food from my drawer. I left a note "Anyone taking food from this drawer is taking a chance with poison"

19 but they probably can't read anyway ^{anyway} Jimmy & I

Sun. 5-30-43 Hike with The Wunderbird Hiking Club. wonderful time, -sprinkling a little but didn't actually rain. The

19 air was fresh, not hot, trees & everything smelled so good. I enjoyed it, felt so good. Met at 10: am at Silver Spring bus terminal, hiked to

19 Kensington, Md. Got home around 6:00. About 50 people, quite a lot of older people. walked thru a colored section in the country.

19 Lots of Kids & such shacks, almost as bad as a chicken coop. Picked some wild strawberries. Stopped at a rippling brook where some took off their shoes

MAY 29

19 Sarah is moving & Clara is moving. Dot & Shirley have asked me to move into their apt.

19 6/6/43 Went to church by myself. Methodist Foundry on 16th St. Cooler today & I feel much better. ^{new} church was quite an experience. Had wine &

19 bread. Had to watch everybody else. When the whole church sang "My country 'tis of thee" I had chills all over my body & tears in my eyes.

19 Margie will be my roommate on the second floor.

~~She~~, she changed her mind.

19 Esther Garland is new roommate not my type but well-informed.

MAY 30

19 Saw a good play with Jimmy at
the Y. Her friend, was in it as
"Conny". I enjoyed it so. I didn't
think amateurs could be so good

19 but I guess just being natural
& not stage fright is what makes a
good player. "The Good Neighbors"

Am glad to be in this room, so
19 much fresher & cleaner. I went
upstairs today & noticed a funny
door in Elaine's room.

19 Sat nite - Ugo dance with
Mary - Turkey Lemon & Sarah & Margie
came, too. Had a very good time.

Had dinner with Elaine last
19 nite - Both of us very lonesome
& blue. She doesn't see Jim much
& expects him to go overseas. —

MAY 31

¹⁹ Mon - June 14 - Jonita went to meeting of First Emergency Corps. Betty Winkelman & Mrs Roberts were also there (^{advanced} first aid class)

The ¹⁹ people most of them are older but smart groups.

June 16 - Furling & her mother & I went to the Nat'l airport to see the ¹⁹ "Memphis Belle" a plane that was in war - back in U.S. by a miracle I'd say. Had a swastika painted on for every German plane ¹⁹ it shot down. The crew all young. Oldest - 27 yrs old (they say) Furling got us visitors badges so we were able to go all around. Watched ¹⁹ patients get off the planes. Signal girls signaling planes & directing planes down, etc. Navy planes with wings folded in (to save space I guess)

JUNE 1

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June 19

A good Sat nite & just wasted when I should be out someplace. Well, I hope someday something good will come up. I hope I haven't

19

missed my chance. I certainly am wasting a good Sat. tho. But wish I knew more girls at least to go someplace with

19

me. If only I had at least one good friend. Oh well, Sarah & Wie were home. Sarah brought home some drinks. —

19

Didn't get anything done.

Sun. - Marge & I got up at 7:00 A. M. to go bicycling. Enjoyed it very much so early in the morning. People

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going swimming, picnicking, tennis, horseriding, etc. I love sports. Boats along the river menfishing etc. We ate at the Hop Shoppe

JUNE 2

19 across the river & rode out to the airport. Enjoyed it immensely.

I didn't want to waste the afternoon so Esther & I went to the zoo &

19 hiked in Rock Creek Park until we found a spot to lay the rest of the afternoon. - Tried to get tan.

we took our shoes off to cross the

19 water. Good dinner - steak at the Garden Tea.

Clara was over in the evening.

Mon. Ltr. from Edie - She must be

19 in the Caribbean. - Ltr.

censored. Isn't she adventurous tho.

Last nite Mr. Alvin's party in the big house as he is leaving for

19 the army. Orchestra - I don't

of course few men. Betty Sanders

is so funny, really wonderful -

like Maria Lore - big mouth.

JUNE 3

19 When mid have the Paul Jones
v she got in front of a vacant space
she'd run v rush until she got
opposite some men then would

19 go slow. Almost directed the
orchestra when to blow the whistle
and when not to. Sarah v Eric were
there. Margie is so stuck-up.

19 self-conscious or something,
feels she should always be doing
something, I guess.

Sat nite 6/26/43. Pale with Mrs. Olmsted's

19 brother, Butch, sailor at Norfolk.
His 3 friends (4 couples small) Betty
Sanders v 2 other girls. Drinks.

moonlight cruise (12:30) down

19 Potomac R. Went to bed at 4:00.
Sun. Dolores + I went to Beverly Beach
(Thameslike Bay, salt water)

JUNE 4

19 Wonderful time. Bus at 10:AM Long waiting line. Many turned away. $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours ride. Clean beach, clean warm water, level ground, shallow near shore.

19 ~~felt so good~~. At 5:00 the tide came in - big waves - enjoyed bouncing in them. Some sunburn. Even I on both sides. I suppose tho' that

19 it will peel. 3 girls passed out waiting for bus - heat. I didn't mind it. Until we got to Ceres to eat, was hungry & couldn't wait.

19 Didn't feel right. ^{Joan}
Aunt + didn't tell "Memphis Belle"
Adrian.

7-43 Heartbreak. - Peter is getting married the end of this month.

19 I cried terribly. It was a shock to me. I couldn't believe it. altho I know he wasn't meant for me

JUNE 5

19 I ~~will~~ miss the good times we had together. It happened very quick. I wish it had happened to me first. These southern belles - they really are

19 cute - & nice personalities. I should have suspected it this these last few months.

Well, I suppose it ^{is} all meant to be. A girl, doesn't live a normal life unless she has at least one heartbreak in her life. It isn't anything unusual.

19 It certainly hurt my feelings this especially at this time when I am so alone & lonesome. I hope I get over it soon.

19 It is probably all for the better. It is so much better to marry real young as when you get older you get too marriage conscious & it spoils things.

JUNE 6

I think Pete will make a good husband
19 for the night one.

First Aid Emergency Corps.

7-13-43 on detail twice so far.

19 at the watergate Concerts.

I really feel rather useless
'cause not much happens but
it is so beautiful and there -

19 the sky, fresh air, & music,
that I don't mind.

One girl fainted Sun. Two people
with cinders in their eyes.

19 One small cut from broken
coca-cola bottle.

Meeting Mon. - Got my
red cross arm band.

19 mostly older people in the
corps.

Contest on first aid - auto-
accidents.

JUNE 7

19 Martha is resigning. Am I surprised & sorry, too.

New girl ^{grace}, who was in Trug. div. before, - from Trinidad got coming

19 in. There is going to be rivalry!

Col. Wakenon going to Mayo Foundation to be operated on his nose.

19 Morrell's sister came to Wash.

They finally got the detectives after the maid, stealing.

19 My skirt was missing, Esther's dress, Betty's shoes, scarfs, jewelry etc. Mail in jail - got my skirt but

19 can't find a ring, maybe around someplace.

JUNE 8

19 Sun. — To go to Beverly Beach
Got up in the morning. Couldn't
find my halter & shorts which I
swam in. I suppose the maids

19 took them. Got to the Bus
Terminal. Millions of people.
waited in line then they said,
'Sorry no more tickets' so

19 No swimming today.
Barn —

31 July.
Haven't written in my diary for quite a
while.

19 Not too busy in office. May
be behind in my household chores, — ironing
laundrying, etc.

July 25 was spent at North Beach.

19 Sun. I set out to go to Beverly
Beach but as early as we were we still
didn't get tickets so decided to try North Beach
which isn't half as nice. Jews etc.

JUNE 9

19 We got to the bus terminal at 7:45 a.m.
(doors open at 8:00) but there was
already a long line and then a long
line formed behind to the end of the
block all around the corner. We

19 waited & waited then "Sorry, no
more tickets." People just can't
believe it & remain in line anyway.
Well, North Beach was fun though.
(Chesapeake Bay) old summer cottages

19 Run along the street & people
walk around in bathing suits. Also
joints, & dancing penny arcades
& junk.

First aid detail at the
union station from 8:00 to 12:00

19 More servicemen at the station!
(we had our door open to the
back terrace - like of the V.S.O.
lounge. too bad there isn't any
way of getting acquainted -
a few things happened. First, a

19 soldier with a headache. Then a negro
with a cut finger (caught in door)
Then a young sailor who had ridden
on the train from Baltimore to
wash outside the door somehow

JUNE 10

I don't know how he held on or just
19 where, but anyway it wasn't
even the right train.

He was going the wrong way. - jumped
off before reaching Washington, not
hurt but we treated him for
(supposedly) slight l^o posture
19 and shock, etc. and let him rest

until his next train. I think he had
his ticket but was in a hurry &
all excited or something. (Swell
how the M.P.'s & shore patrols play a
part. A serviceman doesn't need a
19 to feel alone.)

- a Lt. with cut finger, wanted a
new bandage.

WAC. carried in by M.P.'s
howling so hard. Sobbing
practically hysterical. We laid

19 her down, etc. I think her
boyfriend was leaving.

Another soldier with itching
rash & white blotches all over his
skin. of course we recommended

19 a doctor - might have been twice.

I don't guess I make too good a
First Aider. - also a workman hurt.

JUNE 11

Tuesday: — my army badge lost so
19 had to go to Munition Bldg for
temporary badge last week. Soldier's
working on badges. One (cross-eyed) ^{looking}
got my membership & called on me.

19 Is being discharged for
eye injury. Born March 16, 1920
First person I met born the same
day as me. He was excited & mind
didn't seem clear.

19 Wednesday — Party for Martha
as she is leaving. Swell fun when
the whole gang gets together. First
of all we were invited to Lt. Colonel

19 Moseley for cocktails. (powerful
drinks & on empty stomachs)

met Mrs Moseley (very nice)
and the baby. Then dinner at the

19 Moulsherry Inn. Good food
Only our party there. Table set
nice with candles, etc. Then stopped
at Julie's house as she lives in the neighborhood

JUNE 12

19 Tues. I had my hair done and my eyebrows (for a change). They look neat.

Friday - Date with the ensign ^{who is leaving for overseas.}

19 (whom we met at the Lotus Club - Renelee, Libby, Arlene & her friend we had dinner for Arlene's birthday. 3 dates with him. - (maybe married)

19 for all I know - movies floor show with Duncan Sisters - then Troika (rite club) - floor show - with Duncan Sisters (quite

19 a coincidence)
next site - Shoreham Terrace.
Beautiful there.

Thurs. - Willard Hotel
19 play "East Lynne" - very good players - good singers (quartet - good rhythm)
Sat at tables while watching the show.

JUNE 13

19 Col. Wakeman back in office
after his operation on his nose (sinus)

Phyllis Nelson is resigning.

Turley eventually getting

19 married.

Saw Genevieve's room at the
Evangeline last nite. 3 beds in a
small room, 1 closet. wouldn't be

19 enuf room for me. I should
move though. Hate to tho.

I wish I didn't feel so lost and
unsettled.

19 Bill Buschery home tonight
from the Union station on his way home.

Says John Shaw is - married.
He makes a good husband (G-man)

19 but a pity to me & quite young.

JUNE 14

19 Mon. Saw "the Constant Nymph" with Charles Boyer (very good) with Sam Kubiak.
Tues Aug. 3 - went to a Polish class at Thomson Community Center. Good

19 teacher - Speaks too perfectly for me to understand everything. A few girls from Mass, one from Easthampton, one roomed with Jane Gorski who I

19 knew when a kid in the Falcons.

today (Thurs.) I took off to catch up on "things that need to be done". -

Sat with - date with Cade & Bile

19 Presche now in Lexington, Va.
Casino Royal - steak dinner, believe it or not. Tom Collins

Sun. worked - hot. Not much to do. was on call for the Surgeon General but he didn't call. St. Elusito didn't do anything.

JUNE 15

19 Mon. First Aid Emergency Corps meeting, very interesting. - Doctor guest to judge contests - simulated casualties. Squad leader told of

19 experience at detail - demonstration of incendiary bombs - instructor hurled in shock.

Tues. Polish School. Different teacher

19 this time. Then 8 of us had been talked, not too wonderful a gang, but fun.

Wed. ^{Fun} Party at Bonato's Cafe for

19 Phyllis Nelson as she is leaving.

Nice time. Swell gang of kids. Then Dolores, Ginny, Hurley. I went to Bennie Lee's. Then with Libby to

19 U.S.O. but no dance. - So Hurley, Libby, Bennie & I to YWCA on roof (cool) watched them dance.

JUNE 16

19 Thurs. Day off for working Sunday. Went to the church just for fun to look over my funny feet - nothing to be done -

19

Sat. Aug. 15¹⁴³ Dance. "Victory Girls" at Press Bldg. Benelee, a victory girl. supposed to be the most beautiful girls in the capitol. Margie¹⁹ (first thought she wasn't coming) Arlene Harman & her friend, me Benelee, Libby & another girl. (So many of us really).

19 Sun. morn bicycling with Ginny and Anna Margaret. Nice day. Bicycling along side of Reflection pool, a narrow cement sidewalk along edge. A.M.

19 skidded & fell in the pool. Got every bit of herself in. What a laugh. Poor Benelee. Yesterday, me playing with a clip. I say, "Benelee,

JUNE 17

open ¹⁹ your mouth, & I threw the clip
in. "Ann, I swallowed it" she said
I laughed & took it as a joke. "Ann,
honestly I swallowed it" Believe me,
Sure ¹⁹ enough it went down her throat.
Major Graves told her to eat bananas and
oatmeal.

Aug 18 - Cool, like fall.

Sun ¹⁹ evening - Symphony concert
with Ginny & A. M. at Melton Art Gallery,
the most beautiful bldg. in the
world, I think.

¹⁹ Tues. Polish school.

came home with Mary Wolak &
soldier. Sat. dance. I think
I'll go.

¹⁹ no mail from home.

JUNE 18

19 Sat Aug 28 - Ginny & I went to USO dance at KofC. I had a very good time with a sailor, John P. Fingsten from Newport Conn. - good personality &

19 sense of humor so we really had loads of fun & laughed. Just the type I need.

Wed. Hot dog roast & Rock Creek

19 Parks with Ginny & her gang. Quite a diversion. Lots of fun.

Turley is resigning. New girls in the office. The place isn't

19 the same any more. I don't think I will ever get any farther than I am either.

19 Sept 9¹⁹⁴³ Went to Polish meeting. Enjoyed it. 3 great speakers. Young Lieut from Polish Army one spoke Polish. - dancing & records.

JUNE 19

19

Therley is resigning.
Col Larky will be leaving for
overseas.

19

Polish Dance in Baltimore. 4/4ara
went up. Laura Gajewski was
Cheap pint & crowd but we had
fun in auto songang.

19

Tomorrow dates with the Polish
Army officers, young - Laura
arranged.
(Date) One would not come. Laura has a

19

nice room with roommate in private
family, the Hurdlikeys, in basement they
have ping pong table, radio vic., etc.
Walt to ride home in cab with the officer.

19

How affectionate he is! -

JUNE 20

19 Just got back from my vacation.
Saus would have come back with ^{me} but
jaw & face. Hope it is only her wisdom
teeth. Now that I'm back in Wash. I

19 wish I had done more for her. Poor
Kid. Hope she finds out more from Mass.
General Hosp. in Boston.

Sweet to have been home.

19 Saw Mae Zibel, Helen Murosh and
Barbara Keeler. Had nice talks with
them.

wonder if I will ever resign to be
19 nearer home, as the family wants
it. Maybe. (?)

Oct 12 ¹⁴³ Haven't written in this for
a long time - I keep quite busy.

19 Friday had a date with
Walter Tovey. - pfc frontal myer.
Took a long ride, - nice fall
evening - sat in the park.

JUNE 21

19 Sat. - Laura & I went to Polish dance. Stopped around quite a bit. Laura treats Joe mean but when 12:00 came around (Joel's car)

19 we were nice to him & he was kind enough to take us home.

The office had a dance at the Staller but I didn't go. Friday,

19 Holmes & Beale went.

Sun. - washed hair - ironing. Late with Walt. - Movie "Lady takes a chance" with Jean

19 Arthur. She is good. Then dinner. Then we went to piano rental at the Malon and gallery. nice - sat on the porch. Walt

19 certainly is affectionate but he means it, I think, & so trustworthy.

Mon. First Aid Emergency Corps

JUNE 22

19 meeting, practiced drum & flute.
after the meeting got in to see the
last part of the Navy show in the
hall, which was very good.

19 (Edith Roberts, Helen Perry,
& 2 other girls & I) all walked home
together. — Enjoyed it.
Tuesday ^{Oct 12/43} Polish School. Lot of new

19 people in class. Laura didn't
come tho, walked home with Stella
Wanda Plucinska, another girl,
Dorothy Kawa, etc. Stopped in

19 at one of the girls' houses. —
Have a good feeling, by
the way, didn't expect it. It
needs thinning, I guess.

19 Oct 24. ⁴³ — Saw won't back today
after more than a week here.
Miss her very much tonight. It is quiet
& better with home yet. Rainy day.

JUNE 23

19 Gets dark early, which I don't like, washed my hair in lukewarm water. It is so damn disgusting not to have hot water. Esther wants an

19 apartment. I don't know where to move or with whom; - feel like an orphan.

Was mean to Sam, some fights but 19 ended good. - took her to a Polish dance, polish school 2 dates (not wonderful)

19 Dec '43

Reba Cooper from Ala - roommate, Notes it here.

Mrs. Ginny Varns had a party for us 19 in the office Irene Kendall, Benedek, McCool Ruth Baker, Roberta Rowe attended. We had cranberry punch. Played rummy. I won. Since Ginny

JUNE 24

is ¹⁹ so unattracted to boys I think she enjoys very much having girls over.

Wed evening I wrapped gifts + went out to the post office on

¹⁹ Penn Ave. at 11:00 P. M.

Gave Sam Coty's set of dusting powder + cologne - mom's worn hose + hair pins, Dad cigarette case

¹⁹ with pkgs of cigarettes, + Hanky Helen - salt + pepper shaker, nuts Jimmy - slippers Wally - hanker

Thurs mite date with sailor,

¹⁹ petty officer - Bob Gurling? from Rhode Is. - electrician + studying math etc. only 23, plump, chin - movie.

¹⁹ Friday - Xmas party in office.

11 officers, 13 girls. We all got fascinators from them - (scarves) mine is yellow.

JUNE 25

19 Capt. Page was Santa Claus,
very funny. Gave officers
funny presents with some joke.
All the officers are swell.

19 We had ice cream, donuts
+ coffee. - & some kissing
even tho' there was no
mistletoe.

19 Friday Arlene Silva & I
went to Bonnie's little party.
Bonnie & Harriet - sisters, from
Wisc., daughters of a minister.

19 very nice kids, smart
& interesting, young but I
felt I was with girls 11 yrs
older than myself. Bonnie

19 plays the cello & Harriet sings.
She is going to college next year.
We had all sorts of cookies their
mother sent them. etc. -

JUNE 26

19

Sat - Xmas day - Reba & I got up late. Mrs Mitchell's daughter who just moved in invited us for breakfast. They made waffles in the 19 room. Both deaf, especially Mother, - father in Mexico. Fern tells us she has a case of epilepsy. They gave us a Xmas present, - 2 pkgs of 19 cigarettes but neither of us smoke.

In the afternoon Benlee & I were invited to Capt Robinsons for Xmas

19

dinner. St Brennan (single) took us over. We waited for St.

Gracie & his sailor. Then a big turkey dinner - first drinks, which relaxed me. We gave Mrs Robinson flowers. She gave Benlee & me a red organdy apron she made. They had a tree, baby cute

JUNE 27

19 only think I made one mistake & that was to come home with Beulah. She had to leave at 9:00 for a date so I did, too, but I shouldn't have as all the others stayed.

Sun afternoon Reba & I went ice skating (indoor)

19 Rain all day (Dec 26, 1943)
Some sleet yesterday.

Melen gave me blue panties for Xmas, lemonal soap & candy

19 mints. - Sues gave me a wallet, Gummy gave me blue earrings. I gave her dusting powder. (I wish she hadn't given

19 me anything.) Walter gave me a locket (not the best) I gave him a hanky with initial in his Xmas card.

JUNE 28

19 Received 39 Vmascards.

Ann Freeman sent me sacket,
3 blue pillows that smell. I
didn't send her anything.

19 Mon. date with ~~Matted~~ - Loves me.

Tues. ~~Bendley~~ + I went out to Turley's -
Silver Springs, Md. - We didn't think
it would take so long to get out there.

19 Cute home - fireplace going - candles
flowers, - buffet supper. Christmas
tree still lit.

Thurs S. G. O. dance at the

19 Stallen Hotel - luxurious

Arlene Silva, Betty Burgess &
Gene Kendall & her friend, Bendley
& her friend. more formals. & Helen

19 ~~luckily~~ sent me her red velvet
evening wrap. Danced with Capt.
Robinson, Lt. Brennan, St. Bechtel
& Col Moseley. Hal Bourbon & jugular.

JUNE 29

19 Lt Brennan took us all home -
at California Kitchens. Had a
nice time.

New Year's Eve '44 Cas has a party.

19 Took the street car out by myself
Took about an hour, other side of
Anacostia. Laura was there,
Eleanor, Teddy & Grandpa Stella & Ann,

19 Stella, Joe Noble, Lorek, Cas,
Harry etc etc. Had wine &
refreshments. - in the cellar
music - games - Truth &

19 consequences -

Sat. - date with Walter.

"Jennie" at the Little Theatre.

19 Silly old picture.

Was hungry - didn't feel like being
kissed. Felted pretty silly.

JUNE 30

19 Jan 5.⁴⁴ — We were all¹³ invited to Col. Wakeman's. Had a wonderful time. Beautiful home. Betsy is 10 yrs old, - smart. First we had drinks & could have all we

19 wanted. I had scotch & ginger ale (my empty stomach so was afraid to drink it all) Irene ~~drank~~ too much & was terribly talkative. June Blumer

19 got sick & spent the whole time upstairs in bed. The dinner was delicious and plenty of food. Where they got up that meat I don't know. Ping pong

19 table in the cellar, which was furnished beautifully. All got rides home.

Sun Jan 9. — worked in the morning for 19 Col. Wakeman. Had to be there in case something of the circular to be published had to be recognized. (only one page)

JULY 1

19 Came home, had dinner then to
First aid out on N.C. Ave SE to
see demonstration of stretchers
lifted down from practice tower

19 in back of Fire Dept. - one of
the fellows was a victim tied to
the stretchers. Practiced Knots -
more of a man's job but 'twas
19 interesting.

Then met Betty Burgess as she
wanted to go to the Victory Girl's
Dance. Benlee was there, and

19 Arlene Silva & her roommate.
After the dance went to Reptile
Room for dinner. Lots of people
waiting. 4 Marine Pts. got a

19 table immediately & took us
along. The bill was \$15. They
were tight. The one I was with
a bear younger. We had to take

JULY 2

a cab to the union station as
they were late. Betty + Arlene
went to town with their date.
The cab driver wouldn't let me
19 sit in front with my date
(Pete) + I was glad.

Elsie Breell called.
Sat. date with Bob Jesick ^{young} & ^{face}
19 tried to be in this neighborhood —
chummed with Sam Kubiak)

Went to May Fair. — where
~~the~~ 3 other couples were — his
19 friends — quite ordinary. ~~all~~ civilians
work in a torpedo plant, which Bob
doesn't like. Wishes he had on
a uniform. He had about 6
19 Scotch + sodas.

Then we went to O'Donnell's.

JULY 3

19 Sunday Term I went to Methodist Church. On the way back stopped in at Meridian Hill Hotel to get my coat, shoes

& 19 dress at Arlene's. The afternoon was spent taking down the hem of my grey dress, which I wore to the buffet supper at Mrs. Wojciechowska, teacher at Polish school.

19 Julia came after me. She is nine months older than I - from Pa.

19 Laura called & said she was too tired to come. Had been in church all day. She is very religious. Mrs. W's

19 husband is a Colonel in Polish. We had a wonderful time. All these high-class people connected with the Embassy.

JULY 4

19 Met a professor at a university here - from Poland - lost his family & came here alone. He said "Kuczynski" was an important

19 name in Poland - He is judge of supreme court. Rug was rolled up & we danced. I have a date Wed evening with Lt. of Polish

19 Army - very nice. He is friend of the one Laura had over once. Of Stan Kava took some pictures with his flash bulb. - hope they

19 come out.

Monday evening First Aid Emergency Corps meeting. We voted to have our meetings

19 once a month instead of twice. I'm glad ^{Mr.} Edith Roberts came after me.

Excuse writing

JULY 5

Jan. 25
19 Tues. Polish school. Julia Dubicki
Mary, Wolak were there. Stan Kava
bought the pictures he took at the
buffet supper & we all ordered some.

19 Wed. ~~Date with~~ Reba & I went
to California Kitchens to eat but
dropped in ^{about 10:00} at USO on N St. Soldier
played & Reba & I sang. Peter's boys
19 walked us home. - Bud Wilson,
(^{from Penna.} into) - both in army band.

This note was supposed to be
date with Lt from Polish army
19 but he never showed up.
Why, I don't know. Unless he
didn't get my address from his
friend, anyway I guess he
19 stood me up.

Thurs. Date with Bud Wilson.
Went to see the Liberty Ship.
Pretty late so didn't see it

JULY 6

19 all. Then to Neptune Room.
Thurs^{Fri}. Bob Frick came over.

I was dressed or anything but didn't especially care. We went

19 to the Neptune Room. He had a triple decker (big) sandwich that he had a hard time getting in his mouth. I started to

19 laugh so hard. Jell silly. The reason I went out with him was to make up for my declining his invitation to the

19 President's Birthday Ball. So I was nice to him. ~~As I was~~ I ~~was~~ planned decided to go to the Ice Capades with Lt Brennan. Jerry & I went

19 to dinner & I was a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour late (really not nice). Reba was with him. He was phoning another date thinking I had stood him up

JULY 7

19 as Riba found the note up here
that a sailor called on me & would
call back. - The note said he was
from "in town" (which was not
19 true.) It was only Bob
Guehring whom I met at K. of C
one Sun. afternoon & went to a
movie with him. (my age about -
19 which I don't particularly like)
I much prefer going with someone
a lot older.

The "Ice Capades" were
19 good. Wonderful skating,
beautiful costumes. Then we
went to the Hot Shoppe. Lt. Brunaud
had his car.

19 Have been really rushed.
Behind in my sleep. —
Sun. Beautiful day.

JULY 8

19 Sun. evening Jan 30 '44

Dated with Bob Garland, sailor, -
from Rhode Island. Didn't have
much money so we stayed at

19 home. Psychoanalyzed him
from my book. Then short walk,
nice fresh air - then a bite to eat,
Feb 14 '44 - Anna busy girl

19 but haven't met my prince
charming yet

Last Sun. Mrs Mitkiewicz had
us over for a tea - group from

19 Polish Club. Her husband
is Colonel in Polish Army, was
once some sort of aide to
General Sikorski. Picture of

19 them hanging up. The Polish
ambassador dropped in with his
wife (both short, looked Jewish)
Piano playing & singing. Julia

JULY 9

19 and I went together. Laura had Joe Lork over for dinner + came over together. The Lt in the Polish army who stood me up was there.

19 His excuse was true. His friend who had my address left on a trip before he did himself. Was sorry. —

19 Then Julia + I (couldn't get in a movie) so dropped in at USO on N St. Then I went to her house — Blackout — we lay in bed.

Tues. — Dance at Fort Myer with ^{Rfor} Bud Wilson. He is in North Post where it is very

19 nice. showed me about the post. — permanent buildings etc. They live like civilians. The dance was nice.

JULY 10

19 Wed. Polish Club meeting
Thurs. stayed home.
Friday Reba & I had our
voices recorded at the USO.

19 Only 7¢. What fun! 2½
minutes on each side. First
side I asked to mom, Dad,
& sang, was a little nervous.

19 2nd side sang. We heard
our records later & "What a luff!"
You could hear my breathing,
coughing, etc. but the singing

19 wasn't bad.

Saturday Ginny & I go to USO
formal at K of C. Who was
there but Bud Wilson. But I

19 was with John Mulligan,
cute, 21 yrs but quite
grown up. Artie Shaw's
band played. Artie wasn't

JULY 11

19 there. The band played without music sheets.
Sun. Went out with Betty
Burgess - movie & dinner and

19 slept over her house.
(Mendocino Hill Hotel) Arlene
came back from her trip
earlier than expected so I

19 was on Betties bed with her,
rather uncomfortable.

Mon First Aid Corps -
Movies shown on first aid

19

Tues. 2/22/44 Here I am again.
Late in writing in my diary again

19 What was Polish play (several
small acts - singing, etc.) at
Pierce Hall. Laurie & Julia there
& the rest of the gang. The actors

JULY 12

19 4 actresses were not amateurs.
One I know was a movie star in
Poland. — all from Poland, very
interesting & good acting. Many

19 distinguished Poland people
were there but we didn't get to
meet any.

Thurs — can't remember (I guess I

19 stayed home —

Sunday — Reba dragged me out
to her office (Civil Aeronautics)
dance (formal) also Lucille came.

I 19 don't think I'll be going
again many more times. The
dance was in the same hall
as our office dance only

19 our dance was much
nicer. (officers) — There
there were all 4 officers, Sissies,
etc. no real men. —

JULY 13

19 Well, that was money wasted.
Then cab besides.

Saturday - Polish club dance.
Didn't get out there til late but

19 forced myself to go anyway.
Laura was expecting me,
Julia was there also. I like them
both but can't make up my

19 mind which one I prefer
& it is hard for all 3 of us to be
cause Julia & Laura don't
seem to be friends exactly.

19 I'm in a fix. - Good thing
Mary Walak doesn't come to
these affairs too often. - She
called tonight, says she'll

19 see me in school Tues.
Well, I go to see Laura, too.
Julia works in the building.

JULY 14

19 Sun. Betty Burgess & I
(with Ding & Benlee) attend
Victory Girls dance, which I am
not too interested in. I wasn't

19 dressed nice enough to suit
Betty, which is bad for me.
Betty is only 19 but overbearing.
I don't pitterang so didn't dance

19 much but after the dance
Benlee & her date & his friend
and I went to dinner. He
was an Italian artist, 32.

19 both in army - had a car
with red leather seats. It
was interesting to hear an
older person talk for a
change.

19 Mon. School instead of Tues
(Washington's Birthday.)

JULY 15

19 Reba went home this morn.
gave up room. So here I am
roommateless again. Why
don't I do something about

19 it? — Hate the thought
of it. They keep moving in
& out & I stay forever.
I'm glad Fern is still here.

19 We at least stay together.
Reba says she saw my
sailor friend at the Alabama
dance with a cutie girl.

19 Later, What a coincidence.
Soldier Reba met at dance
called me tonight as he is

19 Polish, too & his name is
exactly the same as mine.
Kuczynski — will see him
Thurs. We sure did

JULY 16

19 talk a long time. He is from Chicago. I guess I didn't go to that dance for nothing. — We may be even

19 related. — He is interested in joining the Polish affairs. We dance at Fort Meade with Julia. my first time.

19 Dopey bunch of boys, but I had fun with a little red head who was trying to teach me to jittersbug.

19 Friday. day off. Still didn't get everything done. Nice day. Enjoyed being alone.

Last note Sgt Kurnyanski (Chester

19 Richards is the name he uses) came over. He is very intelligent. Not a college graduate but has studied a lot. Seems to be able

JULY 17

- 19 to talk on almost any subject.
Has done alot & has had many
experiences. — In the army, etc.
His shoulders are very narrow, which
19 I do not like. He is a shortie.

Feb. 27th
A rather quiet weekend
Friday mite - date with
19 "paild" Bob Guerling. Saw
"Desert Song"
Sat. got off from work at 2:00
to rehearse for Warbund
19 Pageant for Red Cross Drive.
Sun. afternoon it was held.
All branches of the Red Cross were
represented. There were 6 of us
19 representing the First Aid
Emergency Corps. — in uniform
Mr Todd spoke for our group.
It was over the radio. —

JULY 18

19 In the evening Jimmy and I went to the AAF band concert at Melon Art Gallery. as usual it was full with people. we sat on steps. We left at intermission to look at the war exhibit of paintings etc.

March 16 1944 my birthday. Got 19 a card from Julia & Sam. Benlee got me cake + ice cream for dessert at lunch today.

Col. Moseley, Col Wakenman are at Fort 19 Monmouth N.J. so haven't been too busy. - Helped with the tung. programs. Sun. went out with Bob Duerhing - K. of C. danced.

19 Helen Perry was there. Shen concert at Melon Art Gallery - pianist. Monday. first aid meeting. Am losing interest in it.

JULY 19

19 Edith Roberts & Helen Perry & I walked home.

Tues. took Chet Kuczynski (Sgt. Richards) to Polish School. He didn't take me

19 home but called next day that he was sorry. Sounded sorta lonesome. ready to settle down I suppose.

Wed. Chet Kuczynski came over. (Young Kid¹⁹), but rather smart-working at the Naval Research Lab - radio engineering.

Cul. Wakenau died. It affected me. - Can hardly believe it. He

19 was such a wonderful man, a genius. I can still see him so plainly. There is something lacking in life when someone

19 goes like that. He always had ideas. - made the office atmosphere cheerful. - Most wonderful intelligent man I've ever known. —

JULY 20

19 April 9 '44. - Haven't written in this for ages. Today is Easter. Warm all day, almost too warm.

Myrtle, Reba & I got up around

19 5:00 am to go to Easter services at Arlington Cemetery. Waited $\frac{3}{4}$ hr for bus - crowded - ~~so~~ took cab (.75 each). - Crowded with cars

19 getting there. When we got there couldn't see a thing. Couldn't very well get on a bus back so walked to D.C. What a walk

19 I had on my high heels (my poor bunions!) Reba, - almost crying again, walked away. We left without her. She is

19 terribly lonesome, - for even girl friends to go places with her, but she acts too darn funny + I don't like the way she dresses.

JULY 21

19 We are just as lonesome & lonely as ever. An Arlington bridge Myrtle's boyfriend showed up with his pal (both very young kids) but I decided to stick around.

We had breakfast. I felt lazy, no pep at all. maybe my stomach, even my heart.

19 But we went up the Monument, etc. lazed around on the Monumental grounds. Then Myrtle & I left them for a few hours. Took our baths & naps.

Left note when I got home was a message for me. "Please wear this today, - Chet" Well,

19 all the time I thought it was Chet Richards (Kuzynski) I was so happy! As I like him very much. I was happy about it until

JULY 22

¹⁹ the other Chet phoned and asked me if I received a package from him. Whew! Was I disappointed. I was speechless, - covered the

¹⁹ receiver & told Myrtle. She was very sorry. I never dreamed this Chet (young baby face) would give me a courage as he had given me

¹⁹ candy a few days before. I didn't even accept his date today but I didn't want to encourage him too much. I didn't have anything

¹⁹ else planned so went out with Myrtle's friends again. Myrt & Harold went to movie. I was invited as hostess to U. S. O.

¹⁹ K of C app. 9 went with Loyd (rather late). I couldn't dance his way so we didn't get much dancing in for the evening.

JULY 23

19 I enjoyed the air & sun today but of course there was that something lacking. & here I am in my 25th year & no prospect. — I don't

19 know what to do. It is not easy to find the right one. Still wish I could gain at least 10 lbs. Am not gaining an ounce. I like

19 Chet R. Talot (he is 32, rather old though — but if he were taller he would be okay.) He is fun, frank, talkative. —

19 Thers phoned & left me thinking & feeling very bad — about religion. I was so surprised it meant so much to him. — Just an ordinary man,

19 plays & raises cane. — Madame feel like I was missing something but I still can't understand it & why how it could mean so much. I had a good cry.

JULY 24

19 I was hurt when he said I would probably laugh at him. Said he could never teach me or explain it.

Fri afternoon Ginny Barnes & I

19 took off to see "King of Kings" life of Christ. — his death, resurrection etc. — Gave me a good picture of it.

Sat morn Myrt & I saw

19 "Two Heavenly Bodies" with Bill Powell & Lady Lemare. I didn't enjoy it too much. I was tired. May 14, 1944. I wish I had been

19 ~~sunbathing~~ in this all along as lots has happened (w. Chet) & now what I write is past. My heart is broken again. Had lots of fun

19 with Chet (the Lueszynski boy) "Capt Richard" — my stumbling block-height & his-religious which I simply cannot understand.

JULY 25

19 How can religion mean so much
to him? A fellow full of life & laughter!
It was either me or girl back home
I was going home for weekend said

19 if he didn't call me, it meant he got
back it meant he got
married. Well, he never called.
A hurt! I am "mentally" sick,

19 but I'm sure I will get over
it if I meet someone else.
But we could not like kids!
He was so natural, frank,

19 interesting, always on the
ball, smart - woke me up to
so many things. Wanted to get
married very very bad. ~~Was~~

19 Seemed very necessary to him.
That girl certainly will be
happy with him! & she's doubt
is a Catholic. He said one time

JULY 26

19 (this was not even in church)
he was shown this beautiful
painting of Jesus. He described it
beautifully, was so realistic

19 that it made him kneel. Now
I would admire the picture
but it certainly would not make
me kneel. He was so set

19 in his belief. But even
Protestants I don't understand.
I'm just not religious. That all
I will never forget the

19 things he said & did.
If he had come back single I
doubt if I would have had
courage to marry him anyway.

19 But I can say he is the
nearest to the right one I
have ever met.
I had a taste of happiness. I

JULY 27

19 had a better personality,
loved my job, loved everybody,
was so settled. at breakfast one
time Janet said she didn't

19 recognize me, - thought I
looked married. I was
blooming. (as her would say)
We had wonderful discussions.

19 Well, an older fellow like
him (32) - but then again
other fellows his age aren't
somewhat good in talking

19 with. Now I am lonesome,
lost again. I lighty.

Running around like a
chicken with his head chopped
19 off.

I'm glad Saus met him
She was here for a week. Almost
decided to take a job here she

JULY 28

19 got thru this other chest.
Byrd is having trouble with
her jaw, poor kid. Slides
etc - weak muscles, wisdom
teeth.

Reba moved - must be lonesome.
too. Lenky, Mary & gang still up
on 3rd floor.

19 myrtle reading club.
Jenny Louwits for Dick.
Last night Fern & Jim, Julia
& I went to her office dance.

19 I didn't meet anyone nice.
Walter Tower was there but
didn't dance with me. Seemed
afraid, I think.

19 yes note - Just and party.
Mr. Gates, Director, expects
to leave for Navy. Helen Perry
& I only younger ones who feel

JULY 29

19 like some fun. If she resigns, I think I would as the people do not interest me.

Moreau, mte Ginny, ^{was} had me over

19 for dinner. She is leaving for Army Nurse Cadet Corps, Iowa Univ. will certainly miss her. She is a brave girl but I think she'll

19 miss Washington.

Wish we could move but don't know where. I really need something. Myrt & I certainly

19 have been saving money eating at the boarding house (.50 meal) - one meal free if you buy a meal ticket.

19 Still wish I could gain weight

Pete Baker & I working for Col Vergeland. Moreau, Major Robinson

JULY 30

19 So, mte we had SG Odame.
(didn't know at the time Chet
was getting married & I thought
about him a lot.) we had a

19 big table about 14 of us, —
Betty Bingers, Genelee, Ruth Baker,
Gunn, Varns, Dolores Dandois,
the officers & wives. I had some

19 good dancing but didn't
meet anyone outside. Wish
the war would end & the boys
would come home!

19 Sent mom a Mother's Day
card with \$ 5. —

Laurent answered my
correspondence for ages. —

19 Should write Ann Freeman
Sun. — May 14 — Polish picnic in
Rock Creek Park. My face is
sunburn. Julia came after me

JULY 31

¹⁹ with 3 other Kids - & Ed Bealecki
so we took him over. I guess he was
surprised as I had been refusing his
dates when I was going with Chet

¹⁹ (whom I wish were the right one
for me) Ed had a good time I
guess. Laura was there. We
played soft ball. - hot dogs,

¹⁹ games, etc. Nice day.
Last nite Beulah, Bettie

Burgess & I went out. no
destination & didn't meet anybody

¹⁹ etc. Bettie had a little cry
while we were in the Neptune Room.

Mon. - Greens who phoned. Chet! -
He's crazy. Isn't married yet but

¹⁹ to be married next month. Calls
me up (all people) for advice and
consolation. Says the girl hasn't

AUGUST 1

¹⁹ written him all week & he's written to her. Wants to know if there is anything wrong with him. I encourage him of course (acted sad at the same time)

¹⁹ Said when he was in church sitting by her, the girl he is to marry, he was thinking of me. Can you imagine. But they had a good time & she seemed happy to marry him.

¹⁹ May 19 '44 - Am taking today to move to 1823. I like this house & room - more modern & cheerful. 1821 room was too secluded. But it was only \$22.50 a month each while this is \$30. But I felt I needed a change. -

AUGUST 2

19 (Sund.) May 21 - Chet called. He sounded
lonesome - said his mother almost died.

Stell is going to get married as he
wants a home. Stell must be nice.

19 Said I didn't want to get married.
I guess it's my fear - height, thin
& then there's religion, which
he is so strict about. We seem

19 to think alike. Said he wants me
as a friend always.

19 Saw Walt Disney. Came
into the office. I even
talked to him! (Said: you
may go right in.)

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AUGUST 3

19 25 Aug '44: Haven't written for a long time. Getting coal. Myra still going out often.

Beulah will be leaving soon to 19 work in Birmingham, Ala., also Dotty will return to Calif after spending the summer here.

Also Mully! Jane in next room will leave to go home. 19

Joe Bell phoned. Also called 2 nites ago. I am happy to hear from him. Is in hospital at 19 Fort Belvoir for myocarditis. Don't believe it is too serious. Will be here Sunday.

Last nite had the chance for 19 Laura Gajewska marrying Joe Lorek. It was a success! About 20 girls. Also Mrs Lewicki 3 or 4 individual gifts and the

AUGUST 4

¹⁹ rest of us chipped in for a beautiful white blanket which Dorothy Swedars I went to buy, which Mrs. Lemstra had picked out. ¹⁹ 't was nice of her. All the kids (several) helped. No trouble with entertainment as games were suggested by different ones. ¹⁹ Iiked food out on porch. Sandwiches gingerale cake — nothing fancy. 't was meant first to be a personal affair ¹⁹ but the club seemed to have had in mind doing something so all were interested & 't was more or less a group affair.

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Med wife who comes over by surprise, Chet (Sgt Richards) and his wife. To me she

AUGUST 5

19 looked cheap - thin eyebrows
red blouse & unmatched red
skirt, very dumb, didn't
talk at all. Can't understand

19 why such an interesting,
intelligent man would pick
on a girl like that, BUT she
has sex appeal & cute face.

19 He expects to change her, -
into study music, etc but
I still say a person cannot
change overnight. Chet

19 Expects me to get her started
since she doesn't know any
people here but I am no I
socialite myself. Wants to

19 get in Polish Club. But
she is so unfriendly & quiet.
Does like working evenings
either but I don't especially

AUGUST 6

19 want to get her in S.D.O.
but she can't even type.

Rec'd ltr from Sam yesterday.
Booked. My jaw still is bad!

19 Can't talk or eat, I think
it is horrible. Something's gotta
be done!

20 Sept. - Haven't been doing

19 anything unusual or
interesting. Almost moved to
where Fern had a room - in an apt.
cheaper but I still like the

19 atmosphere here. The only
thing is we have negro maids
who steal & it's more expensive
here.

19 Have been taking Joe Pils
weekends. It's fun but in a
way am wasting my time as he
isn't the one - & too short.

AUGUST 7

19 2/Dec 1944 —

nothing exciting. Have been going out with Joe, Pete quite steadily, but he

19 was shipped out Tues. morning. NYC. Gave me a beautiful pin & earrings to match.

19 Was home for a week. Went down with Walt Alexander. Myra is doing Buzz. Thomas moved out. Dolores

19 is next door.

Not working too hard these days. Col Weizeland is nice.

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AUGUST 8

19 9 January 1945. - Tuesday.
Home from work as I have a cough,
chest. Radiator is so hot - must have
my window open. Nice to have the
19 whole day to myself but I hope
it doesn't pass too soon.

Sat. mite spent the evening &
night with Reba Cooper. Haven't
19 seen her for a long time and
don't expect to again. She should
get more as she is getting thin. -

and who calls up Sam more
19 but Joe Pale. - Back from U.S.
(where he was for a month on
detached service) back now at
Fort Belvoir. Dinner at the Hot
19 Shoppe - movie, - then to a
latter joint.

Haven't been doing much of
anything -

AUGUST 9

19/Headlines say D.C. aid/a NY.
may be bombed from submarines.
I don't guess it will be so bad. →

Guess I'll write a letter home. Wonder
how Marie & Jim, & all are doing.

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MEMORANDUM

IMPORTANT NOTES

SUBJECT

NEW YORK

DATE

1939-1940

WORLD'S FAIR

Saw 4 ORIGINAL Hollywood doubles in person - Greta Garbo (who imitated Katherine Hepburn), Mrs. Roosevelt, Joe E. Brown, Mae West and Ginger Rogers.

Frank Buck's Animal Show (elephant dance)

General Motors Futurama with moving chairs
Lagoon of Nations - Rows of colored fountains rising high and low according to the music with fire and fireworks shooting up in between. Colored water with fire caused by a chemical. Beautiful display. \$1,770 spent on fireworks every nite excluding those in this fire and water display.

Saw Ann Pennington in person in "Old New York" television talking machine. Electric Utilities (old-fashioned streets) - The City of Light - N.Y.C.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Pay N ~~Take~~ ^{SUBJECT} it Store opened with ^{DATE} excitement of a Hollywood opening. In the middle of store on platform played an orchestra with stage and radio stars entertaining. Spotlights galore. Saw plays - "Three Sisters" "The Possessed" directed by Chekov's grandson, Chekov (great writer). Dostoyevski - other director. Saw Bob Ripley's 48 ft. long-tailed rooster.

Spent weekend with Ruth Khan. (New Rochelle. Saw Radio City Music Hall show, -snake dance, etc. Ruth's beautiful 5-room apartment. Had dinner out, -mother and father. \$5 spent.

Bombers, sea planes, roaring. 4 or 5 powerful spotlights flashed and showed Army plane with fire streaming out of tail. (lights land below?)

IMPORTANT NOTES

SUBJECT Aeroplane sky writing DATE

Zeppelins -

Funny names at work - Bert Barefoot, Pancake, Sparrowhawk, Widesawake, Sexamer, Nelson Eddy, Woodrge Wilson, Lovejoy

Macy's Xmas parade floats, bands, Pop Eye, Old King Cole, Donald Duck, Pinocchio, Santa Claus, Uncle Sam, acrobat men, the Tin Man.

Jane Dogett attended Commercial works for Cong'l Boards also

Saw Philip Holmes' brother, actor - in one of the stores.

Lord & Taylors at Xmas. Huge bells in each window swinging to and fro to music.

Wallace has enlarging machine, flash gun, etc.

Party - Bib DeRose from Hamp over. Ed and Wilma invited me over for

IMPORTANT NOTES

Dinner SUBJECT Met Ed on 26th DATE
floor in Chrysler Bldg. The wind
howls up there. Met Inez Barbara
from Brooklyn.

Rode out to Great Neck. Liked
new city just being built. - Spent a nite with
Posy in Greenwich Village. Junky place, famous
authors + artists live. Had tea leaves read in
Dixie Lee Shop. Very good. Delicious dinner.
Sherry in the Jumble Shop (Chinese
waiters) wooden floors, beautiful paintings,
(quaint people).

Longchamps - Ate, drank Sewice
too much.

This is how crowded some subways are.
Conductors asks you to take hands out
of pocket.

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